Georgia McEaddy

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suffolk County Probate and Family Court **Suffolk County Appeals Court**

and the **Boston Adoption Bureau**

Redress of Grievances

JURISDICTION

Security Co-op. Bank v. Inspector of Bldgs. of Brockton, 298 Mass. 5,6 (1937). "This court retains authority to grant relief to correct and prevent errors and abuses in the lower courts "if no other remedy is expressly provided." Chavoor v. Lewis, 383 Mass. 803, 804 n 2 (1981); G.L. 211 sec. 3. Single justice has authority to act where the order sought would have been directed to a lower court. G.L. c. 211, sec.3.

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner Georgia McEaddy respectfully petitions for a writ of certiorari to review the Judgement of the Suffolk County Probate and Family / Appeals Courts in this case. In plain contravention of the requirements of the Constitution of the United States, federal law, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and state law, the state courts have embarked on an ad hoc, standardless, subjective, arbitrary, and lawless exercise of judicial power, which appears designed to thwart the will of the petitioner as well as the considered judgements of the past and present government branches.

ISSUES PRESENTED

- I. Whether the federal/state governments any longer recognize or respect a blood relative as family.
- II. Whether a non-related person(s) have the constitutional right to a child
- III. Whether the Due Process Clause or Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment is violated the Constitutional Rights of G.McEaddy.
- IV. Whether the court each complied with the Federal and State laws and Constitutions.
- V. Whether the correct legal policies and procedures were followed in this case.
- VI. Whether the court erred in not adjudicating paternity of father until June 23, 2001; the test result where given to the court in February.
- VII. Whether the court showed bias by not allowing visitation of the child.
- VIII.Whether the court showed bias in the testimony of G. McEaddy.
- IX. Whether the court showed bias regarding the income of the grandmother.
- X. Whether the court erred by allowing the Boston Adoption Bureau to represent its self, (Mr. Kaye) the agency, the mother, and the adoptive parents.
- XI. Whether the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court and Appeals Court violated my Constitutional and Civil Rights by not allowing the pro se appellant transcripts.

- (9) On September 24,2000, the adoptive parents removed the child outside the state of Massachusetts. RA14
- (10) The Court's Findings state, An order of
 Notice by Publication was issued. This was
 supposed to be four days **after** Lonnel left
 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (11) It appears the child was removed from the Commonwealth without the involvement of the Interstate Compact.
- (12) If the Interstate Compact was involved, why did this federal agency not comply with the law?
- (13) On October 2, 2000, after unsuccessfully trying to get Lonnel returned to her from the Boston Adoption Bureau, Ms. Lemoine informed Mr. Williams.
- (14) It was reported she informed Mr. Williams because she was told the biological father was the only person who could have custody after she surrendered her rights.
- (15) Mr. Williams signed Paternity papers on October 3, 2000.
- (16) Mr. Williams was in a mandatory carpenter's program outside of Boston. He asked his mother, Georgia McEaddy, (thereafter, G. McEaddy) to look into the matter.
- (17) On October 5, 2000, G. McEaddy had learned (1) the Boston Adoption Bureau had custody of the child. (2) the child was out of state.

- (18) On October 12, 2000, the father went to the Suffolk County Family and Probate Court and filed a Complaint for Paternity and an Objection to the Adoption Petition along with Motions for a Speedy Hearing and Temporary Custody; which all were denied.
 RA.1
- (19) Father's motion for paternity testing was allowed, November 7, 2000. RA.15.
- (20) A Motion for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem was filed, by the Boston Adoption Bureau, on January 8, 2001.RA.5 and Attorney Julia Pearson was appointed, March 22, 2001. RA16.
- (21) Paternity testing results of February 13, 2001 indicated Mr. Williams to be Lonnel's father.
- (22) On February 20, 2001 the father filed a Motion for Temporary Custody, (denied), Expedited Discovery, and Speedy Trial.
- (23) July 23, 24, 25,2001, were the assigned trial dates.
- (24) On April 26, 2001, Georgia McEaddy filed a Petition for Guardianship of Lonnel.
- (25) July 2, 2001, the child received counsel, Matthew Beaulieu.
- (26) G. McEaddy filed a motion for a person of color to represent the child. The motion was denied.
- (27) July 5, 2001, the motion for visitation was denied.

- (28) G. McEaddy received counsel July
 16, 2001 (not through the court)
- (29) The trial was held at the Suffolk Probate and Family Court and heard before Judge John Smoot, July 23-26 and August 1, 2001. The 210 and guardianship Petition were heard together. RA.16
 - A. the Suffolk and Family Probate and Family Court found against G. McEaddy for the following reasons:
 - a. G. McEaddy relied upon her daughter to pay the rent and utilities
 - b. G. McEaddy had no reliable income.
 - c. G. McEaddy had a combative relationship with the Department of Social Services and other agencies.
 - d. G. McEaddy did not appropriately care for Nathaniel and Nitanju, the pre-adoptive children in her care.
 - e.G. McEaddy did not comply with her obligation to submit signed service plans.
 - f.G. McEaddy did not fully comply with service plans
 - g. G. McEaddy had ongoing disagreements regarding arrangements for Parents and

- Children Together Funds (PACT).
 These funds assist foster
 parents with special needs
 children.
- h. G. McEaddy rejected a plan to help Nathaniel communicate. Without consulting any professionals, she decided she would teach Nathaniel to speak. She did not succeed.
- i. DSS determined that G. McEaddy was not able to meet the needs of these children. The children were removed and G. McEaddy's home was closed. A Fair Hearing upheld the decision.
- j. G. McEaddy was to have said her grandchild (Lonnel) was spoiled
- k. G. McEaddy abandoned Lonnel
- 1. G. McEaddy did not do childcare
 for Lonnel
- m. G. McEaddy did not intervene with her "grandson" D'Arnell,
- n. On March 11, 2002, the Court issued a Decree to Dispense with Parental Consent to the Adoption of Lonnel, and dismissed the Guardianship petition, findings of facts and rulings. RA 12, 13, 14-38.

- o. G. McEaddy and Mr. Williams filed a timely notice of appeal. RA 39,10.
- p. Judge John Smoot refused to giveG. McEaddy the trialtranscripts.
- q. The Appeals Court refused to give G. McEaddy the lower court transcripts.
- r. Judge J. Duffy ordered the appeals consolidated in the Appeals Court for purposes of briefing and oral argument on January 9, 2003.
- s. Justices Lenk, Kantrowitz, and Trainor denied the appeal on September 26, 2003. (Mailed by the Clerk, October 3, 2003)
- t. On October 27, 2003, G. McEaddy
 requested the Full Appellate
 Court hear the matter.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct states: A lawyer should not accept representation in a matter unless it can perform competently, promptly, without improper conflict of interest and to completion."

This was a un-adversary system of justice which had unwritten constitutions. There was a violation of unenumerated rights, allowing Mr.

Kaye an inquisitorial hearing.

In order to deny placement of a child the court must prove any or all of the following: child abuse, child neglect, and child abandonment.

G. McEaddy's Trial Representation

In February 2000, G. McEaddy asked Attorney Patricia Tellis-Warren if she would represent her at trial. After giving a synopsis of the case, Attorney Tellis-Warren felt the case was complicated. In June, 2001, Attorney Tellis-Warren telephoned Ms. McEaddy and stated that if G. McEaddy had not found representation, she would take the case. On July 16, 2001, Attorney Patricia Tellis-Warren filed an appearance for G. McEaddy. RA15 Three days prior to the court date, Attorney Tellis-Warren went to the home of G. McEaddy to discuss the case. G. McEaddy gave Ms. Tellis-Warren the names, addresses and telephone numbers of approximately twenty-five people to refute the Boston Adoption Bureau's claim of her "long and consistent background of combativeness with professional social workers". (The Suffolk Probate and Family Court's Findings went on to state, "that at times G. McEaddy had gone beyond strong advocacy and moved into the area of contemptuous abuse conduct"). This statement was clearly untrue and bias. No one testified to the erroneous statement. Profile evidence presents to the trier of fact a stereotypical description. Commonwealth v. Frias. 4a, 47 Mass. App. Ct. 293, 296 (1999).

Attorney Tellis-Warren felt if she called the witnesses, she would be re-trying the DSS case.

Attorney Tellis-Warren refused to call the witnesses, denying G. McEaddy a defense.

Under Article 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Massachusetts Constitution, G. McEaddy had the right to dispute Mr. Kaye through witnesses.

Many of the testimony did not appear in the Court' Findings.

Massachusetts General Laws, Rule 1.6 states: A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice. A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age sexual orientation or socioeconomic status and shall not permit staff, court officials and other subject to do so.

To justify their wrong, The Boston Adoption
Bureau, the Suffolk County Probate and Family
Court willfully, materially, intentionally and
negligently misrepresented facts and were libel
in their Probate and Family Court Brief/
Appellate Briefs regarding G.McEaddy. The Appeals
Court agreed with the lower court's findings.

Judge Dumphy, Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court, and Administration and Management of the Probate and Family Court failed to act to assure that the judges under his management complied with the Federal and State Statues. He failed to oversee the judges in his department follow the rules and regulation and were not libel. G. McEaddy wrote a letter to Judge Dumphy

with many of the concerns below, prior to the case being heard. The question to Judge Dumphy was, how was a child, surrendered to the Boston Adoption Bureau, September 12, 2000, placed with an out of state adoptive family by September 24, 2000, without the assurance and confirmation notification to the father. There was no reply.

The court showed bias and made erroneous statements to the following:

After receiving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Childcare Services report, the Court continued to write the Boston Adoption Bureau did no wrong. Page 18, number 211 states, Massachusetts Executive Office of Health Human Services, Office of Child Care Services investigated the Boston Adoption Bureau's handling of this adoption case and found several violations. (Complaint number 26105). (1A-96-96). Court's findings in reference to the report, line 212, it states, "The violations were administrative in nature and did not impact the substantive rights of the parties." It did violate our civil rights.

It gravely and directly impacted the "substantive rights of the parties involved in this litigation."

Judge Smoot's Findings

Against Paternal Grandmother, Georgia McEaddy

- a. The court showed bias regarding the income of
- G. McEaddy. The court erred with grandmother's adult daughter's payment of rent and utilities.

Georgia McEaddy does not rely upon her children to support her. G.

McEaddy would be able to fully care for Lonnel. The Court' Findings state, Ms. McEaddy "relies" upon her daughter to pay the rent and utilities. G. McEaddy's daughter attended private parochial school graduating high school before many her age. She went on to a parochial university, left school and then she went into the military. When she came home, she was a grown woman. G. McEaddy's daughter had been violated; had a baby ;had difficulty relating to her own daughter. At the time of trial, G. McEaddy was her granddaughter's primary daycare provider. She continues to care for her granddaughter without compensation from her daughter. Presently, her daughter lives in her own townhouse, works, and attends school.

- b. The Court also felt G. McEaddy did not have a reliable income to care for Lonnel. Presently, G. McEaddy receives SSDI due to a serious accident in December 2001. She has not been medically released to return to work full time. Familial poverty should not be held against a parent in deciding if a parent is unfit.115. Custody of Minor, 389 MASS. 755,766 (1983).
- c. Georgia McEaddy did not have a combative relationship with the Department of Social Services and other agencies. Exhibit ii

 Each social worker (with the exception of Anna Lee Brown, DSS adoption worker) and G. McEaddy had an excellent professional working relationship. Affidavits of each social worker support G. McEaddy's testimony.

d-i. The courts erred in its findings of grandmother against the Department of Social Services. G. McEaddy gave appropriate care and services to Nathaniel and Nitanju. G. McEaddy gave appropriate care and services to Nathaniel and Nitanju.

Julia Pearson, the court appointed Guardian ad Litem states: "Mrs. McEaddy was very forthcoming with me regarding her involvement with DSS. She was a foster parent for many years with the department and she had two very special needs children in her home, and she was advocating very vigorously on behalf of those two children, and she was very straight with me you know trying to get children in her care what they need. Georgia McEaddy was a foster child and became a foster mother for many years. And I could see that about her, that she would, and even the home study indicated she was a strong advocate.....three 51A's were filed with DSS alleging physical abuse, and sexual abuse of the two children in her home as well as neglect regarding some educational needs of the children. The sexual abuse and physical abuse were not supported during the initial investigation period, but the neglect was supported. They removed the children and closed her home, and Mrs. McEaddy did appeal that to a fair hearing, it was determined that she did not neglect the child's educational needs, that she was a surrogate parent capable of disagreeing with not only DSS but the Department of Education and was within her sole rights to advocate for the program she felt was best for her child."

The court showed bias by deleting the guardian ad litem report regarding G.McEaddy.

G. McEaddy had two special needs siblings residing with her. Each request G. McEaddy asked the Department of Social Services for, either came from written recommendations from the pediatrician, school, or Children's Hospital, or was in the Massachusetts General Laws.

Nathaniel was diagnosed with Pervasive Development Disorder long before he lived with G. McEaddy. He was allowed a parent-aide in his previous foster home, thus allowing him a parent-aide and childcare under 110 CMR: Department of Social Services 7.041 and 7.061, risk due to physical, development and/or emotional disability. This was denied.

Nitanju was allowed to attend day care and dance classes in her former home. The adoption social worker would not allow Nitanju the same service.

The Department of Social Services refused the children the services, yet gave the services to two separate suburban foster parents who housed Nitanju and Nathaniel.

At the hearing, the Boston Adoption Bureau objected to include medical reports record from Children's Hospital, because it would affirm G. McEaddy's testimony.

The Court's findings failed to state Nathaniel, G. McEaddy's former pre-adoptive, had come home, (G. McEaddy's home) with a black eye given to him by his teacher.

Paul Cataldo, (then) director of DARE Family
Services did not want G. McEaddy to report the
matter to the Department of Social Services. His
reason was Paula Braissel, the teacher, would
loose her job. G. McEaddy took Nathaniel to
their medical facility. Dr. Leet reported the
matter to the Department of Social Services. G.
McEaddy called and spoke to the area director,
(then) Rudy Adams, of the Jamaica Plain
Department of Social Service. Brenda Nelson,
Social Worker, had not been assigned until the
end of October 1994. Mrs. Nelson advocated for
Nathaniel. She fully supported Nitanju's
placement.

It appeared Anna Lee Brown, the adoption social worker did not understand the special needs of the children.

At trial, Anna Lee Brown stated Nitanju had no special needs. The doctors at Children's Hospital clearly reported something different to G. McEaddy, written and verbally. Mr. Kaye implied Nitanju did not tell the investigator that G. McEaddy hit her and her brother because she was not verbal. Nitanju is verbal, and can speak. She did not tell the investigator G. McEaddy hit her because is was not true. Mr. Kaye would also imply Nathaniel could not speak. Nathaniel spoke when and if he wanted to.

G. McEaddy did not neglect nor abuse the two

siblings.

The Department of Social Services neglected and abused them. e. G. McEaddy did not sign the Department of Social Services Service Plan because the plan omitted information and services DSS verbally committed to the children. McEaddy went beyond complying. f. G. McEaddy followed the pediatrician, hospital and school recommendations for the children. g. When Nathaniel went from DARE Family Services, then to the Department of Social Services, G. McEaddy was asked not to work. She received less money after Nitanju arrived. h. The Children' Hospital report clearly indicates Nathaniel was coming out of his disorder. Nathaniel spoke when he wanted to speak. i. When the two siblings were taken from G. McEaddy's home, they were placed in a shelter, then went from foster home to foster home and then an institution. Presently, Nathaniel is adopted, Nitanju is living with a quardian.

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j. G. McEaddy did not stop caring for the baby
because the baby was not spoiled, nor did she
ever say the baby was spoiled.

k. G. McEaddy did not abandon Lonnel.

Massachusetts General Laws, 210 3 page 670 defines abandoned: shall mean being left without provisions for support, and without any person responsible to maintain care, custody and control because the whereabouts of the person responsible is unknown and reasonable efforts to locate such a person have been unsuccessful. A brief and

temporary absence from the home, without the intent to abandon the child shall not constitute abandonment. This was not abandonment. This was G. McEaddy's testimony, yet it failed to show in the Findings.

Transcript testimony, 4B-30 line 21-23, G.
McEaddy was with the Boston Public School since
1976. These statements were not included in the
court's Findings.

The court showed bias in the testimony of the Ms. Lemoine against G. McEaddy.

G. McEaddy tried to support Ms. Lemoine. 4B-71-line 7-22 childcare and baby needs were discussed. 4B72 line 18-4B-78, line 18 trip to New York, Mary indicated she was beginning to sell houses. 4B79 line 8-11 Mary asked if G. McEaddy could watch the baby during Candy's vacation, which she said was in late July. G. McEaddy testified, during the trip to New Jersey with Ms. Lemoine she asked her directly if her son was abusive. Ms. Lemoine's reply was "no" as if G. McEaddy had insulted her. Again, G. McEaddy asked, what was the problem. Ms. Lemoine's response was. "Your son has too many women." G. McEaddy gave Ms. Lemoine advice a nun once gave her and that was to care and don't care. Pretend it does not bother you and see what will happen. For Ms. Lemoine to state that G. McEaddy told her to shut up was not true.

Ms. Lemoine never indicated she was having financial problems or difficulty caring for the baby.

1. Testimony between Attorney Tellis-Warren and Ms. Lemoine, 1B line 21-23 Georgia is going to care for the baby. 1B-60 and did you ever tell Ms. McEaddy your friend Candy was going to care for the child? Ms. Lemoine was asked and testified in Court if her friend Candy would keep the baby, Ms. Lemoine responded, "yes". Saturday, July 8, 2000, Ms. Lemoine asked G. McEaddy she if she would watch Lonnel on Monday. Monday, July 10, 2000 G. McEaddy came to the house at 7:00 a.m., it was then, and only then, Ms. Lemoine informed G. McEaddy she was returning to work and needed her to baby sit. Ms. Lemoine knew G. McEaddy worked with the school department, and would be returning to school in September. (4B 30 line 21-23) G. McEaddy testified the Boston Public School Department employed her. She strongly urged Ms. Lemoine to find childcare so the baby would be accustomed to that person prior to September. Ms. Lemoine found childcare, which began July 24, 2000. Ms. Lemoine had no refrigerator in her apartment. G. McEaddy purchased one for her. G. McEaddy was to purchase a washing machine, but found out the baby was gone.

k. The court erred in placing the child in an atmosphere of affluence and notoriety as opposed to a loving nurturing environment of the child's blood relative, his grandmother, G. McEaddy. The obligation of the court is to make every reasonable effort to keep families together is also codified as part of the Department of Social

Services regulations, 110 C.M.R., and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Many of the testimony did not appear in the Court's Findings. The court showed bias by ignoring anything G. McEaddy positively said during the testimony in its findings. G. McEaddy testified to her education. Her educational records were subpoenaed and the court returned the envelope to her unopened. The court was bias in failing to acknowledge G. McEaddy's education in the Findings. The court acknowledged the Wilson's education in the Findings. The Court's wording of the perspective adoptive family live in a wooded, suburban neighborhood of single-family residences. The home is neat and organized. It is located at the end of a cul-desac where there is little traffic. G. McEaddy resides in a wooded suburban, townhouse residence. Her home is neat and organized, and June Street is a secluded residential area. The Court showed socioeconomic bias in the Findings. G. McEaddy testified to her work history, yet it was not in the Court's findings. Ken and Marlene Wilson, are people with no consanguinity. The Wilson's resides at 13347 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO. Ken Wilson is a hockey sportscaster. iv

G. McEaddy will be able to financially care for Lonnel.

Julia Pearson, Court appointed Guardian ad Litem testified: 2A-58 "...Mrs. McEaddy wants to help raise Lonnel. I have no doubt that is a strong

desire of hers and she would bend over backwards to make sure that his needs are met."; 2B-80 Line 14-23 of the transcripts states, Dr. Steven Shapse, (for the Boston Adoption Bureau) testified someone either informed him, or he read in a report, G. McEaddy was abusive. He was asked, if this were not true should G. McEaddy be considered a caretaker, he said, "yes." This failed to be noted in the findings. The Guardian Ad Litem and Mary Lemoine each stated if the abuse reports were not true, they would have given G. McEaddy consideration. This was not in the Court's Findings.

The court erred by not adjudicating paternity of father until June 23, 2001, thus not allowing visitation. $^{\rm v}$

G. McEaddy is a fit guardian.

G. McEaddy has worked in the field of human services for over forty years or better. She has advocated in this field for the rights of people. In lieu of the Appeals Court and Probate and Family Courts understanding her professionalism, their conclusions were demeaning. G. McEaddy has worked with the Department of Social Services on issues, was a foster parent for many years, she has worked with the Legislators, on issues the City of Boston all for the betterment of our society. In the above, she was respectfully listened to. G. McEaddy comes forth, trying to undo a wrongful adoption, and the courts justify the wrongs of the adoption agency and the court, helping and supporting the Boston Adoption Bureau

each step of the journey. The Probate and Family/Appeals Courts are audaciously saying the Boston Adoption Bureau did no wrong. The Boston Adoption agency was legally and morally incorrect, as well as the two courts which heard, or reviewed this case. Transcript-5A 69-123 Georgia McEaddy called Mr. Kaye and asked what paper was the process of service publication vii in. Mr. Kaye said "It wasn't, why?" The Boston Adoption Bureau falsified information in the pre-trial hearing, the hearing and Appellate Brief regarding the appellant. The Boston Adoption Bureau never called nor wrote G. McEaddy. The Boston Adoption Bureau never invited G. McEaddy to their office. G. McEaddy invited herself to the office only to be told she was not a party to the case (winter 2001). vi viii When the Court and the Boston Adoption Agency learned G. McEaddy knew what they had done with her grandchild; they put her on trial. They looked at her fitness, prolonging the trial so that they could say it is in the best interest for the child to remain with the Wilson's.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, as well as the Appeals Court failed to release a copy of the complete transcripts to G. McEaddy, pro se.

She is well educated in the field of growth and development, of children as well as school psychology. G. McEaddy observed during this pretrial hearing, that the adoption agency and the Court was clearly bias adamant the only ones who

could raise this child were the Wilson's with no consideration to Mr. Williams' family.

G. McEaddy applied for guardianship to keep Lonnel within the child's blood family. G. McEaddy has worked in the field of human services for forty years or better. She was a foster child. The care and nurturing of a child keeping her families together, is extremely sensitive to her.

ADOPTION OF GABRIELLE, 39 MASS APP. CT 489. CF. Adoption of Lars, 46 Mass. App. CT. 30, 37 (1998) (visitation by biological parents is an element in an evaluation of the child's best interest) In the present case the Court applied impermissible standards in deciding to embrace the Boston Adoption Bureau's plan. The Court fraudulently allowed an adoption agency to come in allowing a child to illegally leave without due process, violating the civil rights of the child's family. The report from the Office for Children said the adoptive family's home study was incomplete, as well as other violations. The court also employed impermissible standards in approving the Boston Adoption Bureaus' incomplete adoption plan, adoption plan that should never begin. $^{\mathrm{i} \mathrm{x}}$ The court is required to find that neither the Boston Adoption Bureau nor the child's attorney made any reasonable effort to reunite the family. The agency, nor the attorneys, nor court did this. x

The Appellate, Probate and Family Courts and the Adoption Agency did not want the affidavits from professionals and medical information because it would affirm G. McEaddy's testimony. The court must make findings, which detail in nature why G. McEaddy is currently unfit. There must be nexus between G. McEaddy's perceived shortcoming and a serious risk of peril from abuse or neglect to the child.

The Appeals Court also held the Boston Adoption Bureau to a lesser standard of effort based on the investigation report by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services, complaint number 26105 which had seven regulations of non-compliance of the law. The biological mother informed the father nine days after the baby was placed with the present adoptive family, and the Suffolk and Probate family Court found her information to the father m. The court showed bias in the testimony of Desire Sapp against G. McEaddy. The court and the adoption agency had no proof that D'Arnell was G. McEaddy's grandson, yet G. McEaddy was slandered in the Findings regarding D'Arnell. Expert DNA test results and findings state he is not her grandson. Exhibit xii, xi

The Suffolk Probate Court and Appeals Court's findings were prejudicial in not allowing the pro se Appellant transcripts. Her Fifth Amendment rights

were violated. **Exhibit** **ii* The court made a finding harm would come to the child if moved. Foster children are moved daily.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appeals, Probate and Family Courts failed to release the transcripts to G. McEaddy, pro se. The Adoption folder was not included in the record to the Appeals Court. G. McEaddy filed a motion to the Appeals Court asking them for the adoption record. This was denied September 29, 2003. The decision was rendered September 26, 2003.

- G. McEaddy was repeatedly denied the adoption record and transcripts to try to cover the errors of the Suffolk Probate Court. Seeking relief, G. McEaddy went to the appeals court and they too denied her rights as pro se to have material. G. McEaddy was set up to fail.
- G. McEaddy asked the Full Appellate Court to return the child to Massachusetts and allow immediate custody. No action was taken on the matter. Rescript had gone to the Family and Probate Court.

Although the father would like to have custody of the child, he also supported having the child placed with G. McEaddy.

The Court pre-determined the outcome of the trial.

No Judges in these cases addressed the concern to the lack of due process.

The court and the attorneys failed their fundamental obligation to legally and morally correct regarding the Sidebar, Transcript, Lines 2A 127 7-14 Exhibit *iii

Argument

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negligently misrepresented facts and were libel
in their Probate and Family Court Brief/
Appellate Briefs regarding G.McEaddy. The Appeals
Court agreed.

On or before September 24, 2000, a Justice in the Suffolk County Family and Probate Court allowed the grandson of G. McEaddy to illegally leave the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a family with wealth. The judge did this action without the assurance everything was done decently and in order. When the father learned of the departure

of his son, he sought to have him returned. He tried first through the adoption agency, then through the legal system. A trial took place, but the mind of the court had been set. The child should remain where he was due to profile evidence on the part of the adoption agency and judge. The father and grandmother before him were substandard compared to his present family. The judge gave no consideration to the extant siblings who ask, "Grandma, what happened to my brother."

The court prejudicially misjudged G. McEaddy. The case went to the Appeals Court. Having broken her leg, ankle and foot, G. McEaddy struggled when she could to the Appeals Court to read page after page of the transcript, for the judge refused her the rights of the attorney's to have their own copy. G.McEaddy sought relief on the Appeals level for the Transcript, but Motion after Motion she was denied her Civil, Human and Constitutional rights. As the Lamb sought the lamb in the days of old, she is seeking custody of her grandson.

The definition of a family use to be, the mother, father, and grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Individuals related by consanguinity or affinity. Today, the family encompasses a variety of individuals from stepparents and grandparents, to gay and lesbian partners to common law spouses, married spouses, single parents, and others. The court has began

to adapt itself to accommodate the modified infrastructure of today's' families.

A grandmother is being deprived of a natural grandmother and child relationship based upon a unilateral decision of one parent to exclude the father. A mother has the unilateral power to choose and an adoptive family based upon her unilateral exclusion of the biological father. The father and grandmother came forward to preserve their liberty immediately after the mother informed him of her surrendering their child. The mother, Boston Adoption Bureau and Suffolk County Courts, unilaterally prevented them from a relationship. This statutory scheme grants rights to the natural mother, the Boston Adoption Bureau from preventing other kinship from having or building a relationship with the child.

Statements in this case were falsified to deny G.McEaddy her grandson.

Petitioner is the paternal grandmother who was victimized by all respondent judges intentionally violating the command in §30, of M.G.L. c. 208, the child-removal statute, which does not allow the removal of children without the opposing consent or showing of just cause. Petitioner opposed the removal of Lonnel. The court never made an effort to find the family. The petitioner never was consulted.

The petitioner was victimized by judge's intentional violation of M.G.L. c. 209 B, §5(a), the Massachusetts Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.

This Act does not allow the removal of children to another state without a hearing at which the non-consenting parent was present. would have the opportunity to cross-examine the Boston Adoption Bureau attorney, or adoptive parents Ken and Marlene Wilson. The evidentiary hearing held before the court allowed the child's removal out of state without the presence of the father or grandmother.

Those acts of intentionally failing to comply, as legislatures contemplated, with duly ratified statutes not only deprived G. McEaddy of due process, notice, and an evidentiary hearing. doing so, the judges unlawfully suspended the Laws, in contravention of Article XX of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights. The Boston Adoption Bureau RA14, refuses to acknowledge they did not follow due process under the Federal and State Constitutions. Federal and Massachusetts's laws clearly state notification should be made. The Court asked Mr. Williams if he knew the name of the adoptive parents, and the state where they reside. Mr. Williams replied, "yes", Mary told me. The Internet told they reside in Chesterfield, Missouri. The adoption case file should have been given to G. McEaddy after the trial. His records should be made available, without being impounded until the court made its final decision. The court is shielding their failure to abide by the law and placed G. McEaddy and her son on trial with false statements and accusations.

G. McEaddy testified the Boston Adoption Bureau <u>never</u> called nor wrote G. McEaddy. The Boston Adoption Bureau <u>never</u> invited G. McEaddy to their office. G. McEaddy invited herself to the Boston Adoption Bureau. Mr. Kaye informed her she was not a party to the case. When the Court and the Boston Adoption Agency learned G. McEaddy knew what they had done with her grandchild, they put her on trial. They looked at her fitness, prolonging the trial so that they could say it is in the best interest of the child to remain where he is.

If the Interstate Compact was involved in the adoption process, why did they allow a child to leave the state without the biological father's consent?

The court exhibited tendencies of biases by failing to expeditiously give the family a speedy trial, adjudicate paternity of father until June 23, 2001. The child and G. McEaddy's families were denied all rights to visitation.

Conclusion

G. McEaddy's prayer is you will right the wrong of the Boston Adoption Bureau as well as the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court, the Appeals Court and return her grandson to her custody.

i Letter to Judge Dumphy
ii Affidavits of Social Workers
iii Children's Hospital reports, Dr. Mary Lou Buyse's reports, school reports, Dept. of Education Report
iv Information regarding the Wilson's were downloaded from the internet
v page 33 Uniform Parentage Act, Section 631
vi M.G.L. c. 210 Section 2-13 Consent, notice, grandparent
xi Paternity Test of D'Arnell Williams
viii Rules of Professional Conduct, a lawyer should never knowingly make a false statement
ix Office of Child Care Service Report

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^{*} Petition of the Department of Public Welfare to Dispense with Consent to Adoption. 376 Mass. 252, 266

xii The U. S. S. Ct. in M.L.B v. S.L.J. 117 S. Ct. 555 (1996) establishes the right to a transcript. xiii Side Bar xiv Georgia McEaddy fit guardian

Side Bar Conference Found in the Court Transcripts (2A 12 7-14)

Mr. Kaye: I'm sorry your honor. The issue that I have is that I would like to keep this as clean as possible. I'm certainly willing to come to the court & counsel what the adoptive father does, but when it comes to names and what he does, it's going to clearly — what he does will clearly identify him to the parties and these people.

The Court: I'm sorry what he does will what?

Mr. Kaye: May clearly identify him to parties.

The Court: The nature of his employment?

Mr. Kaye: The nature of his employment, yes.

Ms. Tellis Warren: Now I'm more interested.

Mr. Kaye: The fact of the matter is, he has received some mysterious phone calls as it is, and I'm afraid something will happen if this case goes amiss for certain parties.

The Court: I understand

Mr. Robertson: Is he afraid of the adoption agency doing something, is that what it is?

Mr. Kaye: No

The Court: I'm just trying to figure out his occupation. For example, if he were an astronaut--.

Ms. Tellis Warren: Right

Mr. Kaye: I would like to protect his privacy as much as I can.

The Court: Yes, I'm just trying to the nature of the employment. If he
were an astronaut, then he could easily
be narrowed down, but if he's-

Mr. Kaye: He is involved with the media.

Mr. Beaulieu: I'm sorry, he's involved
with what?

Mr. Kaye: He's involved with the media.

The Court: So he's a journalist.

Mr. Kaye: No, Can I say, and then maybe the attorney's keep it to themselves?

The Court: All right, were all Officers of the Court. So, I have a commitment from counsel not to disclose to their clients the occupation, until we have further discussion, unless I lift the order, all right?

Mr. Kaye: He's a sportscaster on a major network in the Midwest and a very prominent sportscaster for his area, which is a very large area. I believe that one who's known to this area, they may not know who he is but clearly, if he's identified as that, it's very easy to find him. And I'm not sure what he does. I'm not sure what the relevance is to the case.

Ms.Tellis Warren: I can address that,
if you want?

The Court: Yes, go ahead.

Ms. Tellis Warren: Your Honor: the

Guardian ad item who he's been

appointed by the court is talking about

the great solution the child is in the

pre adoptive home, in times of

stability and opportunity for material

gains, the opportunity for college,

post-college education.

It brings to mind whether or not there's some issue of poverty of the mother and father, versus the income and education of the pre-adoptive parents. That's why I want to know what she was looking at when she made the judgment of the balances of the best intent of the child.

Mr. Kaye: Those question's can certainly be asked without knowing what he does.

Beaulieu: Your Honor, we could perhaps make a fictitious occupation of some stature, perhaps we could suggest that the adoptive parent is vice-president of a corporation or something along

those lines. That way it would have similar stature, without the notoriety and perhaps would serve as compensation for wealth and so forth. It may very well be true; he may hold some similar title in the organization.

Ms. Tellis Warren: Your Honor, if I can I really do not care so much—I really want to know what type of occupation he has. It doesn't bother me not to say he's a sportscaster; I don't care about that. I care about his education. I care about how much money he has. I care about the house. I don't think it makes a difference--.

Mr. Kaye: I'm going to submit a
redacted.

Ms. Tellis Warren: Whether he's a sportscaster or a vice-president of a company.

Mr. Kaye: We have a redacted copy of the home study, so possibly that could

--.

The Court: Well, no, counsel can question so let's just strike the occupation.

Ms. Tellis Warren: He can strike the question; right?

The Court: So far purposes of the transcript, it seems to me that the transcripts will be available to all parties, so will strike this, this conversation can be part of the transcript; but it will strike any reference to what he does.

Mr. Kaye: Thank you, Judge.

The Court: And to the extent that if he says he's in the media, even that part, or he's a very prominent — strike prominent as well. So if it's okay with counsel, I'd like to give the stenographer a little bit of discretion and you can review the record carefully when you get the transcripts, to eliminate anything that may possibly identify this individual.

Ms.Tellis-Warren: Your Honor, I would like to ask the guardian ad litem if she's aware of his occupation and so much as what difference that may have made in her opinion. So I'll accept any --.

The Court: Okay, if you ask in such a way without revealing the occupation, "Are you aware;" and "Did it play a role?" Whatever questions you deem appropriate.

Ms.Tellis-Warren: Okay Your Honor, on a cross examination it would be my intention, perhaps to inquire whether his prominence and celebrity played any part in her decision making process that the child's best intent would be served remaining where he is?

Ms. Tellis-Warren: Which is my second question?

Mr. Robertson: But I would not go into
specifics of that. I think that's a
fair question.

Mr. Kaye: I think it can be asked in a lot of different ways, without asking that specific question.

Ms. Tellis Warren: What's your suggestion because I'm going to ask that next.

Mr. Kaye: Well, the nature of his job
did that influence your decision?
Mr. Robertson: Well, if he's a
celebrity, I think that's a fair
question.

The Court: Why don't I let you ask a hypothical, If he were---.

Mr. Robertson: But that's not my
question.

The Court: I'm sorry.

Mr. Robertson: I'm sorry, that's fine,
I'm sorry.

The Court: If we could agree that it would be in a hypothetical. Giving an example, "If, for example he were a movie actor, would that influence your decision? Is that fair?

Mr. Kaye: Is that fair?

Ms. Tellis Warren: Well, it's just that there's a real situation, and you're asking a hypothetical one, and I assume the hypothetical one is absolutely not

The Court: All right so forget that.

If you say did his position, his occupation, influence you, why doesn't that cover it?

Ms. Tellis Warren: I would say: Did his position in the community, the small community in which he lives, the larger community in which he lives, make a difference to you?

The Court: That's Fair

Mr. Kaye: That's Fair

Mr. Robertson: I want to ask the question, "Are you aware of prominence in the community, are you aware of a certain kind of recognition in the community"? And I want to ask the question, "Are you aware of a certain amount of celebrity and what if any, impact did that have on your

assessment". Those are the questions I want to ask.

The Court: Are you aware of certain amounts of celebrity? Well, you can be a celebrity in a lot of different ways.

Mr. Kaye: Right, he could be a good golfer.

Mr. Robertson: That's as far as I'm
going to go with that.

Mr. Kaye: I'm not sure what that word
means "celebrity", actually.

The Court: Well it can be good or it can be bad. I guess. All right. These questions will be all right.

Mr. Kaye: Okay.

The Court: But she doesn't have to answer. I mean, your question is "Are you aware whether he has celebrity status?

Mr. Robertson: Right, and assume she
says yes, yes, yes. The last question
is, "Did it have an impact on.."?
The Court: it would not be, well what
is it?

Mr. Robertson: Right

The Court: All right, okay.

Mr. Robertson: Correct

(Court and Court Reporter Conference)

The Court: Very good. The court will have the full transcript with everything in it and then if you want to compare, so you'll know what you left out. If you have any trouble with it you can come in and we'll talk about it.

Beaulieu: Your Honor, in that case, since we do have the guardianship case here, as well I would ask the court to impound the guardianship, as well as the paternity and 210 cases.

The Court: I'm sorry, impound the---?

Beaulieu: We're trying the guardianship

which is not an impounded case and the

transcript is a part of the record. So

I ask the court to impound the

guardianship case.

The Court: I can impound the transcript.

(Court and Court Reporter Conference - Off the record discussion)

The Court: That portion of the transcript will be prepared on noncopiable paper.

(End of Side Bar Conference - Parties enter courtroom)

The conversation(s) above is found to be unethical, as well as prejudicial. The Court asked Mr. Williams if he knew the name of the persons who had his son. Mr. Williams said, yes.

50 Georgia McEaddy is the paternal grandmother of Lonnel Williams. She is the mother of Lionel Williams (Hereinafter Grandmother).

51 Grandmother came to the apartment of the mother one week after birth of Lonnel.

52 Mother stated she needed nothing for Lonnel. Grandmother brought diapers, wipes and other child needs during the absence of father.

53 Grandmother attended to child while mother worked, either at mothers or grandmother's home.

54 Grandmother was to return to school in September, mother had informed grandmother Candy would care for child.

Governor Mitt Romney Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House Room 360 Boston, MA 02133

July 28, 2004

Dear Governor Romney,

As the Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I beseech you to overturn an illegal adoption based upon the information below. First, the Boston Adoption Bureau filed papers for an adoption; then went before a judge at the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court without following the laws of the Federal, State, Human and Civil Rights Laws. When my son learned his son was adopted, he first went to the Boston Adoption Bureau, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, only to be denied the right to have our family member. Legal remedy was sought within the Suffolk County Judicial System. Apparently, the Boston Adoption Bureau, the Justices in the Probate and Family, Appeals Courts intentionally failed to follow mandatory discretionary statues; or do not fully understand the Federal and State Constitutions. These acts of intentionally failing to comply, as legislators contemplated, with duly ratified statues, not only deprived the family of due process, notice, in the "first" evidentiary hearing.

As you know, Franklin D. Roosevelt anticipated a new era in history of basic rights. The President defined the Four Freedoms worth fighting for, the freedom of speech and expression, the freedom of worship the freedom from want and the freedom from fear. As you also know, subsequently the charter that founded the United Nations led to the United Nations Universal Declaration of human Rights of 1948, which was essential to the dignity of each human being.

After loosing the Appeal, I feared going to a higher court. My son was incarcerated. My fear was because he spoke out in pursuit of custody of his child, the court would again incarcerate him. I am pursuing this matter. To me, it is my God given right and your civic virtue to have my grandson returned to our family. I pray God will touch your heart and return my grandson to me. I have worked long, hard hours helping other people's children, please help me. From grandparent to grandparent, place yourself in my place.

I will be out of town from the $27^{\rm TH}$ of July until August 23, RD I pray upon my return you will have good news for me. You will be in my prayers. I may be reached by telephone at (617) 325-7513 (home) or (617) 448-8360 (cell phone). You may mail your response to the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Georgia McEaddy

Please note: Confirmation of receipt was August 2, 2004. There has been no reply.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOS. 00W2422 00A0196

LIONEL WILLIAMS, PLAINTIFF

V.

MARY KAY LEMOINE AND KEVIN LEMOINE, DEFENDANTS

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTY. ALANNA G. CLINE

- I, Alanna G. Cline, do state, swear, and depose as follows:
- 1. I am an adult person and am admitted to practice law in this Commonwealth. My usual office for the practice of law is 300 Market St., Brighton, MA 02135. In addition to practicing law, I also consult in regard to education issues, and have an A.M. in Secondary Education in addition to my J.D. I attach a copy of my resume. I have been practicing in the area of special education law since 1977 or thereabouts, including before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.
- 2. I have had occasion to represent Georgia McEaddy in regard to allegations filed against her under M.G.L. c. 119 s. 51A through the Department of Social Services, and in regard to obtaining services for the children who were the subject of those, and who were her foster children. While my case file is now in storage, based upon my memory, the allegations were made in July, 1997 or thereabouts.
- 3. Based upon memory, which I feel strongly is reliable, only complaint/allegation was initially substantiated.
- 4. The allegation which was substantiated was appealed and taken to Fair Hearing. That charge concerned Ms. McEaddy's exercise of rights under Ch. 766 as an appointed Education Decision Maker. The subject child required special education services and programming in a substantially separate school, which was then referred to as a ".5" prototype. Between the Department and Ms. McEaddy, there was no dispute that the child needed extensive services, and services within a .5 prototype in an approved school. However, there was a dispute as to which of several such (local) schools would serve the child best, as well as a dispute regarding additional and different services. (There was also a dispute in that DSS was unwilling to provide augmented services that it had previously provided, and was understood to generally provided to suburban and non-

and the child's then-current school placement.

- 10. Ms. McEaddy's relationship with DSS was one in which I represented her for several years in regard to the subject foster children. She persisted in trying to gain services for her foster children even though DSS repeatedly refused those services. Based upon receipts and records, she, herself, provided augmented services privately, at personal expense, whenever she could.
- 11. I was engaged privately by Ms. McEaddy to join her to advocate for the provision of educational placement and services for her (sibling) foster children. My representation and advocacy were at Ms. McEaddy's sole and personal expense, undertaken for the children. For that same reason, I provide this Affidavit at the request of Ms. McEaddy, but without charge.
- 12. Please also know that I understand that Ms. McEaddy, herself, has both a master's level degree in education, as well as other post-graduate training in related areas.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this March 28, 2001.

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March 16, 2001

Georgia McEaddy 49 June Street Roslindale, MA 02131

Re: Your Records Request: Boston Adoption Bureau, Inc.

Dear Ms.McEaddy:

In response to your request for public records regarding Boston Adoption Bureau. Inc. the Office of Child Care Services (OCCS) has compiled the documents necessary to satisfy your request. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) chapter 66, section 10(a) OCCS is forwarding to you the following records:

- (1) Investigation report dated February 8, 2001
- (2) Statement of Noncompliance dated February 8, 2001

Any information that identifies any complainant, witness, third party, or other information that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy has been redacted, pursuant to G.L. c. 4 §7(26)(a), (c) and (f).

In accordance with 950 CMR 33.03 and 32.06(3), OCCS assesses a copying fee of \$1.40 for 7 pages at a rate of \$0.20 per page, as well as the actual cost of postage at \$.34. Please forward to my attention your total payment of \$1.74, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

You have the right to appeal the denial of a record or any portion of a record to the Supervisor of Public Records, Office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with G.L. c.66, §10(b) and 950 CMR 33.25. Your appeal must be filed in writing within thirty (30) days and must include a copy of the letter by which the request was made, as well as OCCS' response.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care Services 66 Cherry Hill Drive, Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

Date: July 12, 2001

AMENDED INVESTIGATION REPORT

Complaint #:

Facility # 400537 26105

Boston Adoption Bureau, Inc. Name of Facility:

Address:

14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

Complaint/Incident Summary I.

The office received a complaint on Boston Adoption Bureau. The reporter indicated the following:

A Biological mother surrendered her infant to the agency on the surrendered her infant to the agency of the surrendered her infant to the surrendered her infant biological father and paternal grandmother who have been involved with the child. The biological mother is married and her husband is on the birth certificate, however she did tell the agency the birth father's whereabouts is "unknown".

When the biological father and paternal grandmother found out about the surrender they notified the agency. The biological father has signed a statement of paternity. The complainant alleges that the program did not give notification to the biological father. The child is now placed in a pre adoptive home out of state. The biological family has obtained an attorney.

II. Summary of Investigation Activity

The licensor had several telephone contacts with the agency executive director and conducted a scheduled site visit on October 2, 2000. A review of the birth parent and adoptive parent record was conducted.

III. Summary of Findings

An interview with the agency executive director and agency attorney revealed:

The agency believes that the biological mother, a Massachusetts resident and the adoptive parents who reside out of state were connected through an agency called "Silverspoons" through an advertisement in the telephone book. The agency indicated that the prospective adoptive couple then called the agency on The adoptive couple indicated to the agency that a biological mother wanted to surrender to the prospective adoptive couple.

The agency executive director indicated that she met with the biological mother for the first time on

The agency executive director indicated that on the biological mother and her then husband, (he is not the biological father and they subsequently divorced) met with the executive director and the

prospective foster mother. The was placed in foster care on indicated that the biological mother identified the biological father of the that her former boyfriend. The executive director indicated however, that the biological mother said that the biological father was "down south somewhere", but she was not sure where he was. The agency did not request the biological mother to sign an affidavit indicating she did not know the whereabouts of the biological father, nor was there documentation of the executive director asking her for his last known address. The executive director indicated that the biological mother refused birth parent counseling. The refusal of the birth mother to accept birth parent counseling was not located in the birth parent record when it was reviewed by the licensor during the visit to the program. On the agency submitted additional documentation which did indicate in writing that the birthmother had refused counseling.

During an interview it was learned that the executive director indicated that after the placement of the foster in foster care, the agency needed to transfer the to a new foster home as the foster mother had developed a medical condition with the sciatic nerve in her back which would require surgery. The biological mother indicated that she didn't want the interest to be transfered to a new foster home, rather she wanted the limits to go directly to the prospective adoptive family. The trans was returned to the biological mother on the limits. The trans was placed in a second foster home on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the limits was placed with the adoptive family on the limits was placed with the limits was pla

An interview with the executive director and agency attorney revealed that the biological mother was "charged" fifteen dollars a day for foster care. The interview with agency attorney and executive director revealed that the agency charges birth mothers for foster care. Record review revealed that the agency also charged the adoptive couple for the same foster care a total of \$540.00, which is \$30.00 per day. The agency makes payments to the foster parents of \$25.00 per day. A review of the submitted policies and procedures revealed that the policy states that "all services to birth parents are free of charge" however the policy further states that "foster care services for birth parents shall be provided free of charge if the birth parent surrenders the child to the agency. If the birth parent decides to parent the child, and voluntarily removes the child from foster care she shall be assessed a fee of \$15.00 for each day the child is in foster care." In a letter to the Office dated that the birthmother did not have to pay for foster care. A compliance plan was submitted which addressed the confusion in the agency's policy regarding foster care services.

During the interview with the agency executive director and agency attorney it was learned that on the biological mother as well as her recently divorced former husband signed the surrender of the agency. The agency attorney indicated that a 210 petition to terminate the biological fathers rights was then filed in Suffolk Probate and Family Court. As the biological fathers whereabouts was listed as "unknown" the court issued a citation for publication, however, that same week the biological father came forward to the court and the agency.

A phone interview on the state with the agency attorney revealed that the agency has not as yet made a request of the Department of Social Services to examine parental responsibility claims filed with respect to the the state. The agency attorney indicated this request "usually" takes place in the first few months of a case, prior to the 210 petition being approved by the courts.

A review of the birth parent record revealed that the agency's intake evaluation dated the state of the complete as the evaluation does not document any dates times or places of any meetings with the biological parent nor does it document that the agency was aware that the biological parent had previously been a client of another adoption agency regarding the placement of this

The agency placed the with the adoptive family as a legal risk placement on the state of the sta

On a transfer of the grand the agency was contacted by the biological paternal grandmother and biological father in search of the grant.

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A review of the adoptive couples record revealed the adoptive couple record does not contain documentation of an agency application. The review also revealed that the biological parent signed the agencies complaint policy the day of the surrender,

A review of the adoptive couples' record revealed no evidence of a written agreement nor a written contract with the receiving agency.

Adoptive parent record review revealed a homestudy of the adoptive home dated the latest and an update of the homestudy dated the latest both done by an out of state social worker. The placement of the was done by the agency, however this licensor was unable to find documentation of a homestudy update by Boston Adoption Bureau.

A record review of the adoptive parent record failed to reveal signed copies of the required agency's complaint policy.

A record review of the adoptive family record as well as the and biological parent record revealed lack of documentation of case notes.

IV. Non-compliances

See attached plan for compliance

Licensor/Investigator:

Michael Curran

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care Services 66 Cherry Hill Drive, Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

VISIT NARRATIVE November 8, 2002

Boston Adoption Bureau, Inc.

14 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108

Executive Director:

Marilyn Speiser, LICSW

I. Program Summary

A licensing renewal study was conducted at the agency on June 27, 2001 and September 6, 2002. The renewal study activities included an interview with the executive director, chief counsel and social worker. A review of the childrens, foster and adoptive parent records and logs was conducted as well as staff personnel records. Visits, interviews and home inspections of adoptive and foster parent homes was also conducted. Responses to adoptive parent surveys were received and reviewed. An exit interview with the executive director and chief counsel was conducted on October 24, 2002.

II. Program Synopsis

Facility #: 400537 and 400517

License #: 146298 and 146299

Expiration Date: 5/20/2001

Ages Served: 0 - 18

Program Type: adoptions

Characteristics of Children Served: During this licensing period, domestic newborn and infants, in need of adoption services.

Number of adoption placements: October, 2001 to September, 2002 a total of 14 adoption placements.

Current Number of Approved Homes: foster care: 3

adoption: 5

III. Additional Observations

The responses to the Office of Child Care Services survey included many positive comments from adoptive families. Some of the written comments received regarding the agency and its staff included: "We really enjoyed our social worker that came to our house, she was very helpful and had a lot of information to share with us", "Honest and straight forward... They provided good advice and kept us calm", "Truthful straight forward communication.", "Their utmost concern and care for the children, their comprehensive knowledge and complete thoroughness for details. They were a pleasure to deal with and made the process a wonderful experience." "They protected us from some very bad decisions we could have made. These are some smart, committed people".

IV. Updates and Changes

None noted at the time of this licensing study.

V. Corrective Action Required

See attached Plan for Compliance. Please complete and return your plan within thirty days.

VI. Technical Assistance / Recommendations / Comments

The licensor wishes to thank the agency director, staff, foster and adoptive parents for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this unusually long licensing renewal study.

Michael Curran Licensing Specialist

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5.03(02)(a)10, 5.09(04)(b)	A review of the agencies submitted written procedure for the evaluation of children and the development of service plans revealed counseling and medical services are offered to birthmothers from the time of referral to the agency until a couple of months after the birthmother surrenders. The licensee shall submit written procedures for the development		
	of service planning which indicates that the licensee shall make available at no cost to the birthparents, either directly or by referral, any necessary services to the birth parents following adoption placement of their child. These services shall include counseling concerning adoption related issues such as identity, roles and relationships.		
5.03(02)(a)12, 5.10(05)(b)	A review of the licensee's submitted policies and procedures revealed that the agency's assessment procedures states that "If necessary, all other members of the adotive parent applicant's household will be interviewed relative to the adoptive process." Licensee shall submit a revised assessment procedure which indicates that the licensee shall interview all other members of the applicants household, appropriate to the age of the member of the household.		

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5.03(02)(a)12	A review of the agencies submitted procedures for assessment of foster homes states that "If the prospective foster family has already a homestudy, they need only complete an update." I consequently submit a revised procedure which indicates that			3-RCL
	the licensee may perform a limited foster parent assessment if the licensee receives a foster parent assessment completed not more than twelve months prior to the current application for approval.			Document
5.03(02)(b)03	A review of submitted agency policies and procedures revealed that the agency policy states that the agency "does not place into its care any child above the age of three(3) and therefore no educational plans are necessary". Licensee shall submit revised policy for meeting the educational needs of the children served which includes referals to such services such as Early Intervention.			3 Filed 09/24/20
5.03(03)(a)02	A review of submitted documentation revealed an incomplete plan for involving adult adoptees in the development of agency policy. Licensee shall submit revised agency plan which involves adult adoptees in the development of agency policy.			004 Page 5
5.03(03)(a)03	A review of the agency's written policy and procedures revealed an incomplete and inconsistent procedure for internal investigations and reporting allegations of child abuse and neglect. Licensee shall submit a complete agency policy and procedure for internal investigations and reporting allegations of child abuse and neglect.			7 of 124

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Ś.03(03)(a)04	A review of submitted agency policies and procedures revealed inconsistent description of agency salary ranges. Licensee shall submit agency salary ranges.			3-RCL
5.03(03)(b)02, 5.09(04), 5.10(19)	A review of submitted agency policy and procedures revealed a lack of a written description of follow-up services. Licensee shall submit a complete written description of follow-up services			Documen
5.04(01)(a)04	A review of submitted agency policies and procedures revealed that the agency policy regarding services to adult adoptees states that "Since the age of our oldest child placed is only eight years old, the agency has not had the need to adopt a policy with respect to services to be provided to adult adoptees. The agency will develop a policy as the need arises." The agency was established in 1983. Licensee shall submit an updated agency policy regarding services to adult adoptees.			f 3 Filed 09/24/2004
5.04(01)(a)05	Administrators interview revealed the lack of an agency annual evaluation. Licensee shall submit a statement of purpose which shall include a plan for the annual evaluation of its services, which shall give special attention to its performance in promoting permanency for the children in its care.			Page 58 of 12
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5.04(05)(1)04	A review of agency personnel records revealed inconsistent documentation of employee annual evaluation. Licensee shall submit written assurance that the agency shall maintain a personnel record for each employee which includes an annual evaluation.			B-RCL Do
5.04(05)(i)05	A review of agency personnel records revealed an incomplete documentation of employee training. Licensee shall submit written assurance that the licensee shall maintain personnel records for each employee which includes documentation of training and number of training hours.			ocument 3
5.09(01)(i), 5.04(03)(g)	A review of birthparent records revealed that the signed acknowledgement of the receipt of the agency's grievance and appeal procedure revealed that the written grievance and appeal was received by the birth parent, at the time of the surrender of the Licensee shall submit written assurance that the agency shall make available to all persons receiving services, a copy of the complaint policy.			Filed 09/24/2004
5.09(03)(g)	A review of adoptive parent records revealed an "Identified Adoption Agreement" which includes the statement that "payments may be made directly for legally valid reasonable birthmother expences." Licensee shall submit written assurance that no payment shall be made directly to birthparents, or to anyone on behalf of the birthparent, by anyone other than by the licensee.			Page 59 of 124

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5.10(01)(e)	A review of the agency's submitted policies and procedures revealed that the the agency's financial responsibility statement states that "adoptive parents are presented with a fee			3-RCL
	application." The licensee shall submit revised agency financial responsibility statement that indicates that the agency shall provide in writing, to all prospective adoptive applicants and upon request to any person, the agency's policy regarding financial responsibilities.			Document 3
5.10(02)(c), 5.03(02)(a)12	A review of the agency's submitted policies and procedures revealed an incomplete agency philosophy and policy regarding discipline of children. The licensee shall submit a complete written agency philosophy and policy regarding discipline of children.			Filed 09/24
5.10(05)(d)	A review of agency homestudy assessments revealed inconsistent written documetation of: health history of applicants; attitude of extended family's towards the adoption; recommendation as to the age, sex and characteristics of children. Licensee shall submit written assurance that the agency shall document a complete written homestudy report.			/2004 Page 6
5.13(03)(d)	A record review of foster and adoptive parent records revealed inconsistent documentation of case notes. Licensee shall submit written assurance that the agency shall maintain foster and adoptive parents records which incudes case notes.			0 of 124

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5.04(01)(b)	Adoptive parent record review revealed lack of a written agreement with the agency which conducted the adoptive family homestudy, and is the receiving agency for post placement supervision and Boston Adoption Bureau, the placement agency. Licensee shall submit written plan for OCCS approval describing the agencies plan for documentation describing clearly which services are provied directly by the agency, by referral, or through written agreements with other persons and copies of those agreements		RCL Document 3 F
5.06	Record review of the childs record revealed incomplete intake evaluation. Licensee shall submit a plan detailing how the agency shall, prior to accepting any parents surrender of his/her child for adoption, complete a full evaluation by qualified professionals, unless such an evaluation has been documented in the referral or application.		Filed 09/24/2004
5.09(03), 5.09	Interview with agency administrators, record review and review of agencies policies and procedures revealed that the agency charges birth parents for the cost of foster care of a child the agency has placed in a foster home "if the birthparent decides to parent the child, and and voluntarily removes the child from foster care." "The birth parent is assessed a fee of \$15.00 for each day the child is in care." Licensee shall submit a revised policy which clearly indicates that birth parents shall neither benefit nor suffer financially as a result of their pregnancy.		Page 62 of 124

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5.10(05)(e)	Record review of the adoptive family record revealed lack of a homestudy update by Boston Adoption Bureau. Licensee shall submit a plan that details how agency shall perform a limited adoptive parent assessment if the licensee receives a adoptive parent assessment performed in another state in accordance with the laws of such state, completed not more than 12 months prior to the current application for approval.			RCL Document 3
5.13(02)(a)	Record review of the childs record revealed an incomplete face sheet. Licensee shall submit a written plan detailing how the licensee shall maintain a written record for each child which includes a face sheet which identifies the child by the required information.			Filed 09/2
5.13(03)(a)	Record review of the adoptive family record revealed a lack of the adoptive family's written application. Licensee shall submit a plan detailing how the agency shall maintain a written record which shall include an adoptive parents written application.			24/2004 Pa
5.13(03)(d)	Record review of the adoptive family record revealed a lack of case notes. Licensee shall submit a plan detailing how the licensee shall maintain a written record for adoptive parents which includes case notes documenting services set forth in CMR 5.10.			ge 63 of 124

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May 15, 2003

AFFIDAVIT of DR. MARY LOU BUYSE

My name is Dr. Mary Lou Buyse and I state the following as true and accurate:

- 1. I am a licensed physician in Massachusetts
- 2. I have been the family physician for the McEaddy/Griffith family for eighteen (18) years
- 3. I have examined and treated every foster child Ms. McEaddy has had placed in her home since 1985
- 4. Every child's appearance, grooming and attire were excellent
- 5. They were healthy or seen when ill
- 6. All psychological referrals were made by me
- 7. Each foster child was seen by appropriate eye and dental specialist as needed
- 8. There were never indications of abuse in any form

Nathaniel Hobley was first seen in this office May of 1994. Weeks earlier he was released from the Metro Medical West to his foster home, then to Ms. McEaddys' home. This psychiatric treatment center diagnosed him Pervasive Development Disorder with Autistic-like features and placed Nathaniel on, Clonidine .02 mg three times a day, Elavil, 20 mg at bedtime and, Ativan 0.25 mg given for agitation. I weaned him from all medications. At the time he wore diapers, ate baby food and was pica. By September, he was toilet trained, ate a regular balanced diet.

ADOPTIVE HOME STUDY UPDATE

IDENTIFYING FORMATION

NAME: McEADE, Georgia

49 June Street

Roslimile, MA 02131

TEL:

(617)27-9438 325-7512

CHILD IN HOME:

DorcasGriffith, DOB: 4/8/81

REFERENCES

References from Ms. McEaddy's update were all of a positive nature refering to her experience with children. They also speak to the gains children were made who livewith Ms. McEaddy including development of self-confidence and self-awareness as well as behavioral improvements. They respect Georgis for her streath of character and her educational achievements.

CRIMINAL RECEDS

Ms. McEaddy hs no Board of Probation Record. An updated CORI and Board of Probation read has been received confirming this.

CONTACTS

Ms. McEaddy id her first homestudy in our agency in 1985, a copy of which is enclosed. On June 24, 1987 a Black female child DOB: 7/7/77 was placed with Ms. McEaddy in the purpose of adoption. This placement was not successful and disrupter on September 28, 1988, due in large part to the very difficult systems issue surrounding the child.

Ms. McEaddy matinues to feel committed to the provision of a permanenthome to a minoritychild and applied to our agency for an update of her homestudy after becoming interested in a sibling group in Rhode Island. This works had had homewisits with Ms. McEaddy in November and December 1988 both to evaluate the revious placement and to discuss an update for future planent. This mate also consisted of an extended home visit on January 1989.

FAMILY BACKGEIND

The biographical information and family history are extensively detailed in Borgia's previous home study and in the family

Protestant Social Service Bureau

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ROBERT F. TAYLOR, ACSW
Executive Director

REV. THOMAS W. MARTIN

May 21,2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

This letter is written at the request of the interested party Ms. Georgia Mceaddy of 49 June St-Roslindale, MA. 02131.

Ms. Mceaddy provided foster care services thru La Alianza Hispana located at 409 Dudley Street in Roxbury, MA. She provided foster care for a young boy of hispanic origin for whom she cared for in my opinion quite well.

She placed him in a private school, ensure that his homework was done on a timely manner, collaborated with Alianza in ensuring that the child was ready for siblings visit when ever they scheduled. She openly and honestly discussed issues that were afflicting the child at the time. Her attitude and cooperation was always very positive.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please call me at 617-288-9500 Ext 192 from 8:30am-4:30 pm

Josefina Perez

Probation Officer

Dorchester District Court \



Massachusetts Adoption Resource

Exchange, Inc.

Carolyn E. Smith Executive Director

Sponsors of "Wednesday's Child" and "Sunday's Child"

May 19, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I placed as child with Georgia McEddy being as an adoption social worker for the Italian Home in 1982. I worked for almost two years with Georgia and Leanne the child I placed with Georgia. Georgia was always very cooperative with me. She would call if she had concerns. She would seek my input and use many of my suggestions in dealing with Leanne, who was a difficult child to parent.

I found George McEddy to be a very caring person and not hard to work with.

Sincerely,

Carolyn E. Smith Executive Director

Affidavit of Melvin H. King

I Melvin H. King do swear to the following:

I am a resident of Massachusetts and live at 4 Yarmouth Street, Boston, MA, 02116

I am retired as a professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and served as a Massachusetts State Legislator from my district for many years

I have known Georgia McEaddy, her children, Lonnie, Loniel and Dorcas, as well as her Grandchildren, Tasmin, Tevin and Ariana. I met Lonnel once. I have met each of her foster children at my Sunday Brunch.

I have known Georgia for twenty-five years or better. She served as my legislative assistant and is an excellent advocate.

I am impressed at the work she has done with all the children, but, particularly, Nathaniel When Nathaniel began to come to the brunches at my home, he wore diapers, his food had to be mashed, he would not speak and he was easily agitated. Within two months, Nathaniel was toilet trained, his food was not mashed. His agitation diminished and he would smile and laugh. Within a year, Nathaniel was speaking short sentences.

His sister, Nitanju was shy at first, but quickly would express herself and was happy.

I was able to express the growth and development of both children as well as my concern for the disruption of placement at the Fair Hearing.

Georgia did an excellent job raising her children, Lonnie, Loniel and Dorcas. Each was sent to private schools, camps, church. My youngest son and her sons were friends.

At some point Lonnie and Loniel went to New York to live with their father. Lonnie remained, but Loniel returned to Boston. After Loniel returned, he attended English High School.

To me, Georgia taught each child morals, values and manners. Lonnel would receive excellent care once he is returned to his family.

Sworn under the pains and penalties of perjury.

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AFFIDAVIT OF FREDA B. BELL WILEY

I Freda B. Bell Wiley who lives at 49 Ridgecrest Terrace, West Roxbury, MA do swear and affirm the following:

I am the biological mother of Nathaniel and Nitanju Hobley. When Nathaniel was 14-18 months old he was diagnosed with pervasive development disorder.

Until my kids were placed with Georgia all I did was complain about their care from their other foster homes. The only time I had questions about Georgia's care of my kids was before I first met her. It was told to me Nathaniel was taking Xonex and clonadine to control his outburst and that she was not giving him the medications. I complained to DSS and they said the doctor was taking Nathaniel off the medications.

I never complained about Georgia's care of my children, without having a reason. The kids have been free to talk to me about their care and they never complained about their care with her. I'd truly like to know the truth about why my children were removed from her family. I can only give my support of Georgia's a good mother and role model for me, my kids and her family from the few times I would bump into her, Dorcas and my kids and from talking with her at visits with DSS.

I've no idea why my children were removed from Georgia when it seemed to me they were getting well, they were happy, healthy, well groomed, and well adjusted to being with her. I've heard rumors alleging sexual abuse, educational abuse, and not supervising them on a regular basis as well as going without food because Georgia was financially unable to care for my children.

I can't support any of these accusations by DSS because I seen the opposite, when I seen my children with Georgia. In the conversations I had with Nathaniel and Nitanju, they always said they were happy. Nitanju said, Mommy, I miss you and I love you but you know what, I'm having fun at Grandma's house. Can you come live with Grandma, me and Nathaniel?

Georgia referred me to a support group which she attends. When I see her she gives me worthwhile advice in a motherly way when I've asked her for advice.

by 5/a9/acc3

I signed this under the pains and penalty of perjury:

Freda B. Bell Wiley

(617) 327-9185

CLINIC SHEET

PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION
Developmental Evaluation Center

HOBLEY, Nitanju
DOB: 01-28-92

PT. NAMECH#: 100-01-73

DATE OF BIRTH

Procedures: Wechsler Preschool & Primary Scale of Intelligence - R
(selected subtests); Seguin Formboard
Developmental Test of Visual Motor Integration
Binet IV: Picture-Naming Vocabulary; Absurdities
Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales (attempted)
Foster Parent Interview & Play Observation

Background: Nitanju Hobley is a 3 year, 10 month old African American girl who has been in her current foster home since September, 1995. Since placement with her foster mother, Georgia McBaddy, there have been concerns about developmental delays as a result of environmental deprivation. Nitanju has a complicated psychosocial history, which includes two foster care placements. She is currently in the custody of DSS although parental rights have been terminated and she is free for adoption. It is unclear what services Nitanju received while in her prior foster home placement. It is apparent that she received some developmental stimulation for an uncertain period of time. Nitanju is reported to have a history of toe walking, head banging, and failure to thrive. Her current foster mother reports significant behavioral issues. When angry or pushed to do something she does not want to do, Nitanju reportedly will squat and either defecate or urinate in protest. She will also head bang, and bite or kick. mother reports that the head banging and other aggressive behaviors have decreased in frequency, however. Nitanju is reported to have significant separation issues with her foster mother. She does not have contact with her biological mother or prior foster mother at She reportedly becomes angry at her foster mother if she unexpectedly leaves her, and may not speak to her for several days while she is angry. Nitanju currently lives with her foster mother, her foster mother's 14 year old daughter, and Nitanju's biological older brother, Nathaniel. Nathaniel has been previously seen by the DEC, and was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Autistic Disorder. Nitanju also has two other biological brothers who are placed elsewhere. Both of these brothers are reported to have language difficulties. At the time of this evaluation, Nitanju was not receiving any services, nor was she involved in a school program.

Behavioral Observations: Nitanju presented as an attractive and extremely engaging child who willingly accompanied the evaluator and her foster mother to the testing room. She was seated at a Rifton chair and table, and sat patiently waiting between tasks. At no time did she request to leave her chair. Although she was generally cooperative with testing tasks, she could become evasive when having difficulty with a given task. Nitanju would also state that she did not know the answer to a question, or did not know how to do a puzzle, as a means of avoiding questions and tasks that she found difficult. She enjoyed naming pictures, although she appeared

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to have more difficulty with the processing of complex language. When asked questions, Nitanju would frequently avoid answering them. Attentional issues were apparent, although this was primarily associated with non-preferred tasks. Nitanju had a solid ability to attend during tasks she enjoyed. At one point during the evaluation session, her foster mother left to speak with a pediatrician. Although Nitanju initially presented as accepting of her foster mother's departure, upon her foster mother's return, she displayed significant anger towards her and told her at one point to "get out". Nitanju's separation issues were therefore most apparent when rejoined with her foster mother. Nitanju was very verbal and talkative. She frequently attempted to redirect the evaluator's focus on testing tasks by telling short stories. these times, Nitanju often became lost in her stories and it was difficult to follow the content. Also at these times, it was difficult to understand what Nitanju was saying, although generally her articulation was appropriate. Fine motor issues were apparent, especially with the completion of puzzles and drawing tasks. Nitanju held her pencil in a very high and loose semi-tripod grip, which appeared to negatively impact her control. particular difficulty with puzzles having curved pieces. She was unable to do puzzles that did not have an outside frame.

Test Results: Nitanju displayed a relative strength in her ability to complete visual spatial tasks. She completed the Seguin formboard quickly, producing an age equivalent score of 44 years. could do this task with precision. Nitanju had more difficulty with the puzzles for the Object Assembly subtest of the WPPSI-R. As noted previously, she could not complete puzzles which did not have an outside frame. In particular, she could not complete the car or the dog puzzles. She was able to place the head on the teddy bear, and could place the eye and the mouth on the face. She frequently gave up on these puzzles as they were difficult for her, producing an age equivalent score of 3 years on this subtest. Nitanju had more success with the Picture Completion task and the Animal Pegs task. She obtained age equivalent scores of 44 years on both of these tasks. It is notable that she quickly learned the coding sequence for the Animal Pegs test. While completing this test, she did not refer to the coding scheme, but clearly had it memorized. Nitanju also completed the Mazes subtest of the WPPSI-Her performance appeared to be hindered by the aforementioned fine motor control issues, and she obtained an age equivalent score of 34 years on this task. When the 4 performance WPPSI-R subtests were prorated, Nitanju obtained a Performance IQ score of 101. This is indicative of average intelligence in this area.

Nitanju had more difficulty with verbally-based items. academic skills appear to just be developing. Nitanju has very poor counting ability, and often, when counting by item, will count the same item twice. Although she does understand concepts such as biggest and tallest, she does not understand quantitative concepts. Nitanju achieved an age equivalent score of less than 3 years on the Arithmetic subtest. She had more success with the Information subtest of the WPPSI-R, reflective of the span of information she about her world. Her performance on this task was inconsistent, and she would frequently miss items of limited difficulty while correctly answering items of greater difficulty. This inconsistent performance may be reflective of environmental deficits. Nitanju does not know colors. When asked what color is

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grass, she pointed to the evaluator's chair which was blue, and stated "that color". She could not name the color however. While scoring in the 34 year level on the Information subtest, Nitanju achieved a less than 3 year age level for the Comprehension This appeared to be the result of her unwillingness to answer lengthy questions. When asked questions, she often produced For example, when asked "why do you associations to questions. wash your face", Nitanju replied "and brush your teeth". notable, however, that Nitanju was most evasive during the WPPSI-R verbal subtests. She had much greater success with the Picture-Naming Vocabulary of the Binet IV, where she was able to name all the pictures except one, that of the bridge, achieving an age equivalent score of 4 years, 1 month. Similarly, significant success with the Absurdities subtest of the Binet IV, achieving a 4% year age equivalent score. It is notable that both of these subtests were enjoyable to her and held her attention, which the verbal subtests of the WPPSI-R did not.

When administered the Developmental Test of Visual Motor Integration (VMI), Nitanju scored at an age appropriate level. It is notable, however, that her fine motor difficulties were most apparent on this test. She was able to draw vertical and horizontal lines, as well as circles. She could not draw crossed lines or a square. She requested hand over hand assistance in drawing several of the more difficult figures. She was very accepting of hand over hand assistance and appeared to enjoy the contact.

The Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales were attempted with the foster mother as informant. Although these scales could not be scored, due to the foster mother's relatively new exposure to Nitanju, it does appear that there are delays in self-care skills. Ms. McEaddy is also concerned about Nitanju's emotional functioning. She reports that Nitanju has recently begun play therapy. Although behavioral issues were noted, the foster mother currently feels that these are workable for her. At the current time, it is the foster mother's impression that Nitanju's emotional issues are negatively impacting her socialization.

<u>Discussion</u>: Nitanju currently presents as a very needy and dependent child who is adjusting to a new living and caregiving Although cognitive deficits were not apparent during situation. this evaluation, she is clearly at risk given her psychosocial At the current time she appears to feel quite uprooted. history. She will need significantly more time to adjust to her new living Her visual motor skills appear to be an area of situation. relative strength for her, and she has apparently average intelligence in this area. Fine motor issues were apparent which merit further consideration. Nitanju appears to have more difficulty with verbally-based items. Although Picture-Naming is relative strength for her within this area, she has more difficulty with complex language. She requires a broader exposure to learning opportunities, both at school and in her general environment. It is questionable at this time whether her weaknesses in the speech and language area are a result of negative social and environmental experiences, or a more general learning issue. This merits further consideration over time.

Impression: Adjustment reaction (309.9).

Receptive and expressive language delays (315.31).

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Considerations:

- 1. Given Nitanju's age, she is in need of a thorough CORE evaluation, including an occupational therapy evaluation to further consider her fine motor issues. She would appear to be best served in an integrated preschool program, with weekly speech and language therapy. An integrated program would also help to capitalize on her social relatedness and interest in others, while simultaneously increasing her exposure to speech and language skills.
- 2. Given Nitanju's apparent adjustment and separation issues, we support her continued participation in play therapy. This should be particularly focused on her sense of being uprooted and her adjustment to her new living situation.
- 3. Although it is recognized that Ms. McEaddy feels able to assist Nitanju in overcoming her behavioral problems, it is suggested that in-home behavioral consultation be provided as part of Nitanju's special needs school program, should behavioral problems continue or intensify. Such in-home behavioral consultation would serve to provide consistency with a behavioral program that is implemented in the school system. Ms. McEaddy was encouraged to seek behavioral services as needed.
- 4. Given Nitanju's complicated psychosocial history as well as her current speech and language delays, it is recommended that she be reevaluated by the psychologist and speech and language therapist of this team after one year. Continued monitoring of Nitanju's developmental progress would appear to be appropriate given that she is at significant risk.

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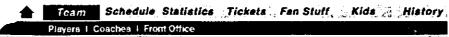
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue Child Support Enforcement Division

Alan L. LeBovidge Commissioner Marilyn Ray Smith Deputy Commissioner

April 16, 2003

Mr. Lenell Williams 33 Wenonah Street Dorchester, MA. 02121

RE:

Custodial Parent: Desare Sapp

Child: D'Anell Edward Williams

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Child Support Enforcement Division of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) received the results of the paternity tests conducted in the paternity action filed against the putative father named above. A copy of the results is enclosed.

The test results indicate that you are not the father of the child named above. Notice of further court proceeding will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Please contact me at the number below within seven (7) days of the date of this letter if you have any questions regarding this case. Assuming there is no challenge to the paternity test results, in sixty (60) days DOR will take the steps necessary to close this case.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dillon DeSouza, Counsel Massachusetts Department of Revenue Child Support Enforcement Division 239-245 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor

Boston, MA 02139

(617) 619-0800 ext. 32628

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STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

RELIAGENE CASE #

2003-114308

PARISH/COUNTY: METROPOLITAN, MA CHILD SUPPORT CASE NO.: 03-003186578

I, Megan D. Shaffer, having been duly sworn under oath state the following:

1. ReliaGene Technologies, Inc. was requested to perform paternity tests on the following individuals for the purpose of reasonably proving or disproving the probability of the Defendant's paternity of the child(ren) set forth below:

Alleged Father: LONIEL WILLIAMS

Mother:

DESSERE SAPP

Child:

D ANELL WILLIAMS

- 2. My full name is: Megan Danielle Shaffer.
- 3. I am qualified as an examiner of inherited characteristics included but not limited to those found in blood and tissue samples and to administer the test.
- 4. My address is: ReliaGene Technologies, Inc., 5525 Mounes Street, Suite 101, New Orleans, LA 70123. My telephone number is: (504) 734-9700 or 1-800-PATERNITY.
- 5. My qualifications are as follows, to wit:
 - Highest Degree: Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology
 - Present Position: Assistant Director at ReliaGene Technologies, Inc.
 - Past and Present Memberships:

American Society for Microbiology

Association for Research In Vision and Ophthalmology

- 6. My education is as follows, to wit:
 - B.S. Degree 1993, Major-Biology
 - Ph.D. Degree 2000, Major-Microbiology and Immunology
- 7_My experience is as follows, to wit:
 - Over 7 years of laboratory and research experience in Microbiology
 - Assistant Director of ReliaGene Technologies, Inc.
 - Author of numerous scientific research papers and abstracts
- 8. Identification of individuals: The tested individuals were identified when the samples were collected, as follows, to wit: By photograph, fingerprint, and/or identification card. See attached Identification/Chain of Custody document(s).
- 9. Who Collected Test Samples: See attached Identification/Chain of Custody Client Identification document(s).
- 10. How Test Samples Were Collected: Test samples were collected as follows, to wit: see attached Identification/Chain of Custody document(s).

- 11. When Test Samples Were Collected: Test samples were collected on the following date(s) and time(s), to wit: Ree attached Identification/Chain of Custody document(s).
- 12. Where Test Samples Were Collected: Test samples were collected at the following location(s), to wit: See attached Identification/Chain of Custody document(s).
- 13. The chain of custody of the test samples from the time collected until the tests were completed is as follows, to wit: See attached Identification/Chain of Custody document(s), which is signed by the individual collecting samples, as well as the individual packing and sealing the samples. The samples were delivered to the laboratory. The specimen container was examined for integrity. The Identification/Chain of Custody document(s) was(were) signed by the person opening the samples in the laboratory. There was no evidence of tampering during transit and, once received by the laboratory, the samples were then at all times in the care and custody of ReliaGene Technologies in an electronically secured facility under my direct supervision. Furthermore, the Chain of Custody documentation was made at or near the time of sample collection and was made in the course of regularly conducted business activity.
- 14. The results of the tests are follows, to wit: See attached laboratory report. Furthermore, the report containing the results of the initial testing has been prepared under my direct supervision.
- 15. If the tested man could not be excluded, the defendant's probability of paternity of the child(ren), as calculated by an expert based on the test results, is as follows, to wit: See attached laboratory report.
- 16. The procedure performed to obtain the test results are as follows, to wit: ReliaGene Technologies, Inc. performs naternity determinations by DNA analysis in accordance with medically accepted procedures as defined by the Standards of American Association of Blood Banks and the conclusions are correct as reported. The testing fees have been previously agreed upon by the client.

ReliaGene Technologies, Inc. is accredited by the Parentage Testing Committe of the American Association of Blood Banks and by the New York State Department of Health (CLIA # 19D0665242, PFI # 1978).

_Megan D. Shaffer, Ph.D.

-- Assistant Director

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Tested Man: LONIEL WILLIAMS Mother:

DESSERE SAPP

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Child:

D ANELL WILLIAMS

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

LONIEL WILLIAMS is not the biological father of D ANELL WILLIAMS.

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Conclusion:>

Our opinion of NON-PATERNITY is based on the above noted inconsistencies. The term "inconsistency " means that the band sizes of the tested man do not match the obligate paternal band sizes in the child. Based on the absence of these DNA markers (as determined by DNA analysis) the tested man cannot be the biological father of the child.

This is to certify that all the biological samples were drawn and forwarded to Reliagene Technologies, Inc., as stated in the attached Chain of Custody Documentation. Reliagene Technologies, Inc. is accredited by the Parentage Testing Committee of the American Association of Blood Banks. The conclusions are correct to the best of my knowledge. In calculating the PI value, where applicable, the mutation frequency is taken into consideration.

Sudhir K. Sinha, Ph.D., Lab Director

Michael Murray, Ph.D., Assoc. Director Jaiprakash Shewale, Ph.D., Asst. Director

Megan D. Shaffer, Ph.D., Asst. Director

Date:

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May 5, 2003

Ashley Ahearn, Clerk Appeals Court 1500 New Courthouse Boston, MA 02108

Re: Matter of Lonnel Williams, 2002-P-1668

Dear Ms. Ahearn:

You called me on Friday regarding the above. I attempted to return your call but there was a voice mail problem. Hence, this letter.

I served a corrected brief in this case on counsel and Ms. McEaddy on March 26, 2003. I had already served the transcript on counsel on February 27, 2003. I did not serve Ms. McEaddy with a copy of the transcript pursuant to an Order by Judge Duffly of January 28, 2003 keeping an order of the trial court in effect regarding her access to the transcript. I indicated to Ms. McEaddy my understanding of that Order was she was not to receive a copy of the transcript unless and until there was a further Order from the Appeals Court.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the Certificates of Service, Judge Duffly's Order, and Judge Smoot's Order in the Suffolk Probate Court.

Kindly let me know if there is anything additional I may provide in this matter, and I will await further direction regarding Ms. McEaddy's copy of the transript.

Thank you.



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Social Services Morton Street Area Office

123 Morton Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130 Tel (617) 524-5474 + Fax (617) 524-5296

Ms. Georgia McEaddy 49 June Street Roslindale, MA 02131

July 11, 1997

Dear Ms. McEaddy;

I am writing for several reasons. First, when we last spoke we had talked about discussing some of Nathaniel's behaviors while at camp. Anna Lee Brown had tried several times to set up some time for this discussion; however was not able to connect with you. Would you be able to come into the office next week, preferably the afternoon of 7/17/97 (Thursday)? I also have times available Tuesday afternoon, all day Wednesday and all day Friday. Please let me know if any of these times would be convenient.

Secondly, to address the issue of PACT payments for Nitanju, I had talked with you about bringing the issue to a Fair Hearing to determine what, if any monies are owed to you. Attached, please find instructions for requesting a Fair Hearing.

Additionally, as we discussed when reviewing the service plan, the Department was to make a referral to the PACT team (Pre and Post Adoption Consultation Team) who would help you address issues of adoption. I have made the referral and I am waiting for a response from the program.

Finally, you had asked me to state, in writing, my reasons for not supporting a transfer from LCDC to the May Institute for Nathaniel. My reasons stem from the need for children, like Nathaniel, to have a consistent educational program. The May Institute has a different theoretical approach to educationg their students, than the LCDC program. Reports have indicated that Nathaniel has done well with this program and I do not believe that there is sufficient justification to move him. I know that you do not agree



Education Collaborative for Greater Boston, Inc.

Educational Surrogate Parent Program P.O. Box 1184 Westboro, MA 01581 Telephone: (508) 792-7679 FAX: (508) 616-0318

October 31, 1997

Ms. Anna Lee Brown, Social Worker Department of Social Services 123 Morton Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is to bring closure to an investigation conducted by this Program in response to concerns raised, by you, in your August 6, 1997 letter. The concerns raised in that letter regarded the actions of Ms. Georgia McEaddy in her role as educational decision-maker for her then foster child, Nathaniel Hobley.

This letter addresses only the educational issues and the appropriateness of Ms. McEaddy's actions as educational decision-maker for Nathaniel.

Upon receipt of your letter, immediate action was taken to appoint an Educational Surrogate Parent Program Consultant, Jeanne Voss, as Advisor to assist Ms. McEaddy in obtaining educational services for Nathaniel.

Several interviews were conducted by both Ms. Voss and me to determine the status of Nathaniel's educational situation, needs and necessary action. Individuals from Language and Cognitive Development Center (LCD, Boston Public Schools, DSS, and Ms. McEaddy herself were interviewed. Documentation from LCDC, Children's Hospital, and Boston Public Schools, and DSS was reviewed.

OBSERVATIONS

- All parties involved in the investigation by this office were reoperative extractive Morton Street Department of Social Services, the complainant: three telephone calls which I placed to DSS were not returned; information which you agreed to send Ms. Voss has not been received to date. Updated information regarding Nathaniel's placement status pre and post removal of Nathaniel from Ms. McEaddy's home was not provided to either Ms. Voss or me.
- Reports, assessments, and evaluations are actually quite complementary to the efforts
 of Ms. McEaddy on Nathaniel's behalf as both care provider and advocate of
 Nathaniel's needs. This, despite occasional incidents requiring intervention or
 clarification on the part of LCDC staff.

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In the educational process it is not uncommon for individuals to disagree. It is a question of knowing the student, the student's needs, and making the decision about what type of programming is appropriate for a particular student. Ms. McEaddy appeared to believe that a program of behavioral intervention would best suit Nathaniel's needs at this time. A position shared by Ms. Jeanne Voss, Nathaniel's current educational decision-maker.

Further, Nathaniel's stay at LCDC, according to Ms. McEaddy, could last for only a couple more years until he aged out of the program. His placement at BIP (Behavioral Intervention Program) affords him the opportunity of consistent programming through the age of twenty-two, if need be, and to do so in a less restrictive setting. It appears that Ms. McEaddy made an informed decision.

Based upon information collected as part of this investigation it appears that Ms. McEaddy was operating well within the scope of her responsibilities as educational decision-maker for Nathaniel. Both State and Federal Special Education Law require the appointment of Educational Advocate/Educational Surrogate Parents for students in the care or custody of a state agency. Paragraph 212.2 of the Chapter 766 Regulations states:

The Educational Advocate shall have the same rights and responsibilities as a parent in special education matters relating to a child, including the right to represent the child in the identification, evaluation and educational placement of the child and in the provision of a free appropriate public education.

Further, Paragraph 212.4 indicates:

Social workers, supervisors, and all other employees of the Department of Social Services (DSS) are expressly prohibited from serving as educational advocates for any student in care or receiving services from DSS, and are also prohibited from accepting, rejecting or otherwise signing the IEPs of any such student.

Your activity in this case, in my opinion, was at best counterproductive, and outside of the relationship that is outlined in the <u>DOE/DSS Operational Protocols:</u> Responsibilities of the Department of Social Services and School Districts for Children in <u>DSS Custody, February 1996</u>, Federal Special Education Law IDEA, and Chapter 766.

Sincerely,

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Program Director

cc: Jeanne Voss, Consultant

cc: Georgia McEaddy, Educational Decision-Maker

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PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION
Developmental Evaluation Center

HOBLEY, Nitanju DOB: 01-28-92 MR.NO. DOB: 12-12-95 DATE

Age: 3 10/12 years

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<u>Background</u>: Nitanju Hobley is a 3 year, 10 month old African American girl who has been in her current foster home since September, 1995. Since placement with her foster mother, Georgia McEaddy, there have been concerns about developmental delays as a result of environmental deprivation. Nitanju has a complicated psychosocial history, which includes two foster care placements. She is currently in the custody of DSS although parental rights have been terminated and she is free for adoption. It is unclear what services Nitanju received while in her prior foster home placement. It is apparent that she received some developmental stimulation for an uncertain period of time. Nitanju is reported to have a history of toe walking, head banging, and failure to thrive. Her current foster mother reports significant behavioral issues. When angry or pushed to do something she does not want to do, Nitanju reportedly will squat and either defecate or urinate in protest. She will also head bang, and bite or kick. Her foster mother reports that the head banging and other aggressive behaviors have decreased in frequency, however. Nitanju is reported to have significant separation issues with her foster mother. She does not have contact with her biological mother or prior foster mother at this time. She reportedly becomes angry at her foster mother if she unexpectedly leaves her, and may not speak to her for several days while she is angry. Nitanju currently lives with her foster mother, her foster mother's 14 year old daughter, and Nitanju's biological older brother, Nathaniel. Nathaniel has been previously seen by the DEC, and was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Autistic Disorder. Nitanju also has two other biological brothers who are placed elsewhere. Both of these brothers are reported to have language difficulties. At the time of this evaluation, Nitanju was not receiving any services, nor was she involved in a school program.

Behavioral Observations: Nitanju presented as an attractive and extremely engaging child who willingly accompanied the evaluator and her foster mother to the testing room. She was seated at a Rifton chair and table, and sat patiently waiting between tasks. At no time did she request to leave her chair. Although she was generally cooperative with testing tasks, she could become evasive when having difficulty with a given task. Nitanju would also state that she did not know the answer to a question, or did not know how to do a puzzle, as a means of avoiding questions and tasks that she found difficult. She enjoyed maming pictures, although she appeared

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to have more difficulty with the processing of complex language. When asked questions, Nitanju would frequently avoid answering them. Attentional issues were apparent, although this was primarily associated with non-preferred tasks. Nitanju had a solid ability to attend during tasks she enjoyed. At one point during the evaluation session, her foster mother left to speak with a pediatrician. Although Nitanju initially presented as accepting of her foster mother's departure, upon her foster mother's return, she displayed significant anger towards her and told her at one point to "get out". Nitanju's separation issues were therefore most apparent when rejoined with her foster mother. Nitanju was very verbal and talkative. She frequently attempted to redirect the evaluator's focus on testing tasks by telling short stories. these times, Nitanju often became lost in her stories and it was Also at these times, it was difficult to follow the content. difficult to understand what Nitanju was saying, although generally her articulation was appropriate. Fine motor issues were apparent, especially with the completion of puzzles and drawing tasks. Nitanju held her pencil in a very high and loose semi-tripod grip, which appeared to negatively impact her control. She had particular difficulty with puzzles having curved pieces. unable to do puzzles that did not have an outside frame.

Test Results: Nitanju displayed a relative strength in her ability to complete visual spatial tasks. She completed the Seguin formboard quickly, producing an age equivalent score of 4% years. could do this task with precision. Nitanju had more difficulty with the puzzles for the Object Assembly subtest of the WPPSI-R. As noted previously, she could not complete puzzles which did not have an outside frame. In particular, she could not complete the She was able to place the head on the car or the dog puzzles. teddy bear, and could place the eye and the mouth on the face. She frequently gave up on these puzzles as they were difficult for her, producing an age equivalent score of 3 years on this subtest. Nitanju had more success with the Picture Completion task and the Animal Pegs task. She obtained age equivalent scores of 44 years on both of these tasks. It is notable that she quickly learned the coding sequence for the Animal Pegs test. While completing this test, she did not refer to the coding scheme, but clearly had it memorized. Nitanju also completed the Mazes subtest of the WPPSI-Her performance appeared to be hindered by the aforementioned fine motor control issues, and she obtained an age equivalent score of 34 years on this task. When the 4 performance WPPSI-R subtests were prorated, Nitanju obtained a Performance IQ score of 101. This is indicative of average intelligence in this area.

Nitanju had more difficulty with verbally-based items. academic skills appear to just be developing. Nitanju has very poor counting ability, and often, when counting by item, will count the same item twice. Although she does understand concepts such as biggest and tallest, she does not understand quantitative concepts. Nitanju achieved an age equivalent score of less than 3 years on the Arithmetic subtest. She had more success with the Information subtest of the WPPSI-R, reflective of the span of information she about her world. Her performance on this task was inconsistent, and she would frequently miss items of limited difficulty while correctly answering items of greater difficulty. This inconsistent performance may be reflective of environmental deficits. Nitanju does not know colors. When asked what color is

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grass, she pointed to the evaluator's chair which was blue, and stated "that color". She could not name the color however. While scoring in the 3½ year level on the Information subtest, Nitanju achieved a less than 3 year age level for the Comprehension subtest. This appeared to be the result of her unwillingness to answer lengthy questions. When asked questions, she often produced associations to questions. For example, when asked "why do you wash your face", Nitanju replied "and brush your teeth". notable, however, that Nitanju was most evasive during the WPPSI-R verbal subtests. She had much greater success with the Picture-Naming Vocabulary of the Binet IV, where she was able to name all the pictures except one, that of the bridge, achieving an age equivalent score of 4 years, 1 month. Similarly, she had significant success with the Absurdities subtest of the Binet IV, achieving a 45 year age equivalent score. It is notable that both of these subtests were enjoyable to her and held her attention, which the verbal subtests of the WPPSI-R did not.

of Visual Motor administered the Developmental Test When Integration (VMI), Nitanju scored at an age appropriate level. is notable, however, that her fine motor difficulties were most apparent on this test. She was able to draw vertical and horizontal lines, as well as circles. She could not draw crossed lines or a square. She requested hand over hand assistance in drawing several of the more difficult figures. She was very accepting of hand over hand assistance and appeared to enjoy the contact.

The Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales were attempted with the foster mother as informant. Although these scales could not be scored, due to the foster mother's relatively new exposure to Nitanju, it does appear that there are delays in self-care skills. also concerned about Nitanju's emotional is McEaddy She reports that Nitanju has recently begun play functioning. therapy. Although behavioral issues were noted, the foster mother currently feels that these are workable for her. At the current time, it is the foster mother's impression that Nitanju's emotional issues are negatively impacting her socialization.

<u>Discussion</u>: Nitanju currently presents as a very needy and dependent child who is adjusting to a new living and caregiving situation. Although cognitive deficits were not apparent during this evaluation, she is clearly at risk given her psychosocial At the current time she appears to feel quite uprooted. She will need significantly more time to adjust to her new living Her visual motor skills appear to be an area of relative strength for her, and she has apparently average intelligence in this area. Fine motor issues were apparent which Nitanju appears to have more merit further consideration. difficulty with verbally-based items. Although Picture-Naming is a relative strength for her within this area, she has more difficulty with complex language. She requires a broader exposure to learning opportunities, both at school and in her general It is questionable at this time whether her weaknesses in the speech and language area are a result of negative social and environmental experiences, or a more general learning issue. This merits further consideration over time.

Adjustment reaction (309.9). Impression:

Receptive and expressive language delays (315.31).

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Considerations:

1. Given Nitanju's age, she is in need of a thorough CORE evaluation, including an occupational therapy evaluation to further consider her fine motor issues. She would appear to be best served in an integrated preschool program, with weekly speech and language therapy. An integrated program would also help to capitalize on her social relatedness and interest in others, while simultaneously increasing her exposure to speech and language skills.

- 2. Given Nitanju's apparent adjustment and separation issues, we support her continued participation in play therapy. This should be particularly focused on her sense of being uprooted and her adjustment to her new living situation.
- 3. Although it is recognized that Ms. McEaddy feels able to assist Nitanju in overcoming her behavioral problems, it is suggested that in-home behavioral consultation be provided as part of Nitanju's special needs school program, should behavioral problems continue or intensify. Such in-home behavioral consultation would serve to provide consistency with a behavioral program that is implemented in the school system. Ms. McEaddy was encouraged to seek behavioral services as needed.
- 4. Given Nitanju's complicated psychosocial history as well as her current speech and language delays, it is recommended that she be reevaluated by the psychologist and speech and language therapist of this team after one year. Continued monitoring of Nitanju's developmental progress would appear to be appropriate given that she is at significant risk.

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November 6, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

Nitanju Hobley was a student here at the Dr. Brumfield Johnson Christian Academy during the 1996-97 school year. It was stated by a parent that she was playing with her son's penis. When it was fully investigated it was found that Nitanju only unbuckled the boys belt.

When the social worker, Ms Anna Lee Brown, inquired of the incident, Ms. Salisman and I shared this information with her. Little boys often ask other children and adults to unbuckle their belts because they can't do it. We are insisting that they don't wear belts they can't unbuckle or open.

I further discussed the ideas of the social worker of my concerns on the telephone and in person of her wanting to meet and discuss Nitanju and Ms. McEaddy without the presence of Ms. McEaddy. In this school we work as a team and Ms. McEaddy supported our teachers 100%.

Nitanju could be stubborn and belligerent at times, but we could always discuss and work with Ms. McEaddy with any problems that arose.

I probably need to state that tuition was \$65.00 per week not including transportation, meals and snacks of which Ms. McEaddy faithfully paid. In April of 1997, Ms. McEaddy informed me of the fact that she was taking her daughter out of school because funds were forthcoming to support her in school. We regretted that Nitanju had to leave school. She was doing well in her classes. We were pleased see to her when she came back to visit us.

We regret that Nitanju and Nathaniel are no longer living with Ms. McEaddy. They were happy with her and were given good care.

Sincerely (Allow)
Nellie C. Yarborough,
Principal

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Issues Presented

- I. Did the trial court find the father unfit and terminate his parental rights based on a close reading of the evidence and on credibility decisions well-within its discretion when it decided that the father had a history of irresponsibility towards his multiple children and had a background of violence?
- II. Did the trial court find by clear and convincing evidence that it was in the child's best interests to remain in the care of the adoptive parents when it relied on evidence indicating that the father and grandmother were unable to meet the subject-child's needs?

Statement of the Case

This is an appeal from orders entered on March 11, 2003 in the Suffolk Division of the Probate and Family Court ("trial court") by Smoot, J. finding the birth father unfit to parent his son ("subject-child" or "child"), dismissing the guardianship petition of the child's paternal grandmother ("grandmother") and finding it in the child's best interests to be adopted by his current caretakers. R.30-31².

On September 24, 2000, the Boston Adoption Bureau ("Bureau") filed a petition to terminate the father's parental rights to consent to the child's adoption pursuant to G.L. c.210, §3. R.5, F.63. The Bureau is a

^{&#}x27;The parties are referred to by descriptive titles to protect their privacy.

^{2&}quot;R.30-31" refers to Appellee-Bureau's Record Appendix, pages thirty and thirty-one.

R.5, F.6 refers to Appellee-Bureau's Record Appendix page five, trial court's finding of fact number 6.

F.3.

The mother has three children from her previous relationships. R.8, F.36. The oldest child was born in 1978 and lives independently. Id. The other two children were born in 1984 and 1993 respectively and reside with their birth father. R.8, F.36.

The mother was convicted in 1996 in federal court of embezzling 2.3 million dollars from her employer.

F.38. She served twenty-seven months of a thirty-seven month sentence for the offense. R.8, F.38-39. The mother resided in a halfway house in Boston from April 1999 to September 1999 to complete her sentence. R.8, F.40.

B The father's background.

In mid-1999, the father met the mother at the halfway house in Boston. R.8, F.42. The father was completing a six year sentence for distribution of cocaine base, possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number and possession of ammunition. R.8, F.43.

The mother and father began a sexual relationship while both resided at the halfway house. R.8, F.44. The relationship violated both the rules of the halfway house and the mother's and father's probation. R.8, F.44. The mother and father lived together in the fall of 1999 after each was released from the halfway house. R.8, F.45-46.

relations with other woman at the time. Id. The mother did not see him again until August 23, 2000. R.10, F.66. The father came by her apartment three times in September, but was not admitted. R.10, F.70.

D. The child's surrender.

The mother first considered placing the child for adoption in the late spring and early summer of 2000. R.9, F.57. She did so because she did not believe the father would support her and the child. R.9, F.57. She decided she could not raise the child alone. Id.

The mother, the prospective adoptive parents and the Bureau worked together throughout the late summer to arrange the child's adoption. R.10-11, F.72-79. The mother told the Bureau the name of the child's father. R.11, F.77.

But the mother misled the Bureau about her and the father's background as well as the father's whereabouts. R.12, F.89. The mother told the Bureau that she did not know the father's whereabouts and that she did not have an address for him. R.11, F.77. In truth, the mother was able to contact the father without difficulty if necessary. R.12, F.89.

The mother, working with the Bureau, placed the child in foster care on August 26, 2000. R.11, F.80. The mother removed the child from foster care on August 31, 2000 when an injury to the foster mother would have

T:179. R.12, F.90. The mother required a brace on her arm, medication and physical therapy because of the assault. T:180.

The mother filed charges of assault and battery against the father after the attack. T:180. R.19, F.170. She also obtained a restraining order against him, which he subsequently violated. T:180-181. R.19, F.173. See T:967 (father knew of order and contacted anyway). The mother did not tell the father about the adoption prior to placing the child because she believed he would have killed her. T:304.

The trial court found that the father had engaged in several other acts of violence or abuse directed at the mother. They include:

- grabbing the mother by the hair. T:292. R.19, F.171.
- pushing her several times while she was pregnant. T:291-292. R.19, F.171.
- throwing a brick through the windshield of her car when she was nine months pregnant. T:297.
 R.19, F.171.
- threatening her with physical harm by telling her that "[i]f you're not with me, you're not safe ... [a]nybody can put their hands on you. .. [r]emember that." T:294. R.19, F.171.
- taking her car and abandoning her at the side of the road in 92 degree heat when she was nine months pregnant. T:295-296. R.19, F.172.

The father challenges none of these findings of fact regarding his abuse of the mother. They must be accepted as true. *Richards*, 278 Mass. at 551-552

n.9, citing G. L. c. 208, § 31 (1994 ed.)("[i]n determining whether temporary shared legal custody would not be in the best interest of the child, the court shall consider ... whether any member of the family has been the perpetrator of domestic violence").

The trial court properly terminated the father's parental rights to consent because clear and convincing evidence showed that his irresponsibility and history of domestic violence rendered him incapable of providing the child with a safe, stable and nurturing environment. Katharine, 42 Mass. App. Ct. at 32 (1997)(trial court need not wait for "inevitable disaster to happen").

II. The trial court found by clear and convincing evidence that it was in the child's best interests to remain in the care of the adoptive parents given the father's and grandmother's demonstrated inability to meet the subject-child's needs.

A. Standard of Review

"[P]arents have a fundamental interest in their relationships with their children that is constitutionally protected." Opinion of the Justices to the Senate, 427 Mass. 1201, 1202 (1998)(citations omitted). "This interest is one of the 'liberty' interests protected by art. 10 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, and the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution." Id. (citations omitted).

"However, parents' interests in their relationships with their children are not absolute, because '[t]he

the time of trial despite being unemployed. Id.

The father conceded that he did not "do much of anything" to support himself during the mother's pregnancy. T:1025. His description of his work history indicates that he is hardly working at all. T:1021-23.

The GAL confirmed that the father's employment is sporadic. T:420 (father "doesn't work steady"). See T:420 (father not looking for work); Ex.399-400 (father's parole officer confirms that he is "supposed to be working and that is one area he is not doing well with"). The father's employment history is analogous to the relationship he has with his children. R.14, F.116 (evaluations show father "careless, works slowly, wastes time, learns with difficulty, evades responsibility and shows little to no initiative").

The father expressed little understanding of the extreme trauma the subject-child would overcome if removed from its current long-term placement and placed in his care. The effects of a transition will be dramatic on the child. T:569-571; T:574-575.

The father thought that building a bond with the child if it was returned would be "more or less easy." T:1146. The GAL believed that the father did not understand what it would take if the child was returned. T:378. T:390. See T:621-622 (Bureau's expert believes that father's previous conduct makes him not a good exposure risk).

Mass. at 723 ("[a]judge may not decline to dispense with consent based on a faint hope that the family will succeed if reunited").

The father has had ample time to improve himself and prepare for the child. The mother told the father she was pregnant in October 2000. The father had almost two years prior to trial to seek steady employment, improve his parenting skills and otherwise accept his responsibilities. He choose not to do so. See R.5-6, F.6-7 (mother places child when it is clear dad will not be any help).

The father also chose not to discuss the situation with the Bureau. He refused every offer by the Bureau to discuss the situation. Ex.396; T:74; T:77 (father would not meet adoptive parents).

The Bureau's offers indicate that it was open to exploring all available options; it even stated at trial that if the father had met with them and had "checked out" that the child would have been placed with him.

T:131 The father and grandmother, however, refused to discuss the situation with the Bureau and instead just talked about getting a lawyer. T:112-113. As the trial court found, the Bureau has no opportunity to offer services to someone who is not interested in working with them or even meeting with them. R.21, F.242.

The trial court decided that the father could not meet the needs of the child. R.23, F.228. The trial

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T:574-576 (Bureau's expert anticipates problems in child's future relationships, in future achievement, and in sociability if removed from current placement).

The child should not be put through a painful transition just to find out if the father is capable of parenting him especially where the evidence of the father's past and current conduct indicates that he is unable to care for the child. T:403. The child has been in the adoptive family's home since September 2000 and requires permanency. See Adoption of Emily, 25 Mass.

App. Ct. 579, 581 (1988) ("Speedy resolution of cases involving issues of custody or adoption is desirable").

The evidence reflects that the father has sporadic, short-term employment, short term relationships, no record of long-term consistent parenting and a background of violence. The trial court's order terminating his parental rights should be affirmed.

C. The trial court's decision dismissing the grandmother's quardianship petition is supported by clear and convincing evidence given her combative relationship with social service agencies which resulted in her foster home being closed and her inability to meet the subject-child's needs.

The paternal grandmother petitioned the trial court to name her the child's guardian. R.6-7, F.21. The trial court denied her request and dismissed her petition after the trial. R.31. The trial court's decision is based on ample facts in the record and is supported by clear and convincing evidence.

due process rights were not violated under the factual circumstances of the case. See generally, *Hugh*, 35 Mass. App. Ct. 346 (1993).

2. The trial court's different conclusions from the same evidence fails to support the grandmother's claim that the trial court was biased.

The grandmother's claims of bias appear to be based on the fact that she drew different conclusions from the evidence than the trial court. There is a difference not just in degree, but in kind between a trial court which is biased and predetermines the outcome and a trial court which reviews all the evidence, makes credibility determinations of witnesses and reaches conclusions at odds with what a party desires. See Larry, 434 Mass. at 467 (trial court's "findings were based on [its] assessment of the credibility of the witnesses and the weight of the evidence ... [the trial court] was in the best position to determine the facts").

The grandmother also fails to demonstrate how any supposed bias by the trial court - even if true - makes her a fit guardian, the father a fit parent or ensures the safety of the child if he were placed with either of them. See Adoption of a Minor, 343 Mass. 292, 294 (1961)("[t]he paramount consideration [must be] the welfare of the child"). In any case, the record supports the trial court's lack of bias. See Adoption of Gabrielle, 39 Mass. App. Ct. 484, 486-487 (1995)(record "clear that a motion for recusal would not have prevailed").

with professional social workers has at times gone beyond strong advocacy and moved into the area of contemptuous and abusive conduct." R.26, F.252.

The grandmother has demonstrated that she is unable to control her behavior even after it begins to effect the children in her care. The department closed her foster home because she was unable to meet the needs of the children that had been placed with her and that the ongoing conflict between her and the department was effecting the children.

T:659-660. See T:662-663 (ignores professional advice as to needs of child and does what she wants without a specific plan or further consultation).

The mother herself considered the grandmother as a placement for her child prior to the court or GAL being involved. The mother was concerned because of the grandmother's foster children being removed, her home being closed and of her and her children's history of suffering domestic abuse.

T:307-308. The mother decided to place the child for adoption.

The grandmother was not entirely truthful about her personal circumstances when speaking with the GAL. T:347-349. The grandmother's lack of honesty with the GAL raises questions as to why she was not being truthful and whether she was trying to hide anything. T:442-443. The GAL concluded that

grandmother's guardianship petition should be affirmed. See *Katharine*, 42 Mass. App. Ct. at 32 (1997)(trial court need not wait for "inevitable disaster to happen").

Conclusion and Relief Sought

For all of the foregoing reasons and in the interest of the integrity of the civil law in Massachusetts, the trial court's finding that the father is unfit, that the grandmother is not a suitable guardian and that it is in the child's best interests to terminate the father's parental rights and deny the grandmother's guardianship petition should be AFFIRMED.

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SUFFOLK DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 01P0855

IN THE MATTER OF LONNEL ELLIOT WILLIAMS

Decree of Dismissal

After hearing, it is ordered that the petition for guardianship filed by Georgia McEaddy on April 20, 2001 is dismissed.

March 11, 2002

Associate Justice



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION

PETITION TO DISPENSE WITH PARENTAL CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION OF LONNEL ELLIOT WILLIAMS	 DOCKET NO.	00 A 0196
GUARDIANSHIP OF LONNEL ELLIOT WILLIAMS	DOCKET NO.	01 P 0855
LONIEL WLLIAMS v. MARY LEMOINE	DOCKET NO.	00 W 2422

BACKGROUND

- 1. On June 23, 2000, Mary Lemoine ("Ms. Lemoine" or "mother") gave birth to Lonnel Elliot Williams ("Lonnel").
- 2. At the time of Lonnel's birth, the mother was married to Kevin Lemoine. The mother and Kevin Lemoine were married in 1983, separated in 1996, and divorced in August 2000.
- 3. On September 12, 2000, the mother signed an adoption surrender form concerning Lonnel.
- 4. On September 12, 2000, Kevin Lemoine signed an adoption surrender form concerning Lonnel. Kevin Lemoine is not Lonnel's father but he signed a surrender form because he was the mother's husband at the time of Lonnel's birth.
- 5. The mother placed Lonnel with the Boston Adoption Bureau, Inc. ("Boston Adoption Bureau"). The Boston Adoption Bureau is a licensed adoption agency in Massachusetts.
- 6. On September 24, 2000, the Boston Adoption Bureau filed a petition to dispense with parental consent to the adoption of Lonnel pursuant to G. L. Chapter 210 section 3 ("the 210 petition"). [Docket No. 00 A 0196]

- filed a petition to be appointed Lonnel's guardian. [Docket No. 01 P 0855]
- 22. On May 15, 2001, the pre-trial conference scheduled for June 11, 2001 was continued to June 22, 2001.
- 23. On June 4, 2001, this court allowed Attorney Appleyard's motion to withdraw as counsel for the mother. The motion to withdraw was filed on the basis that the Committee for Public Counsel Services determined that the mother was not entitled to state paid counsel because she had surrendered Lonnel for adoption.
- 24. Attorney Pearson filed her guardian ad litem report on June 22, 2001.
- 25. On June 22, 2001, this court allowed a motion filed by the father requesting funds to retain an expert.
- 26. On July 2, 2001, this court appointed Attorney Matthew H. Beaulieu to represent Lonnel.
- 27. On July 16, 2001, Attorney Patricia Tellis-Warren filed an appearance on behalf of Ms. McEaddy.
- 28. On July 23, 2001, the first day of trial, a judgment of paternity entered by agreement of all interested parties adjudicating Loniel Williams to be Lonnel's father.
- 29. The remaining two cases, the 210 petition and the guardianship action, were tried together on July 23, 24, 25, 26, and August 1, 2001.

MOTHER AND FATHER

- 30. Ms. Lemoine is Caucasian. Mr. Williams is African-American.
- 31. The mother is a high school graduate who also took some college courses. She is 43 years old and is currently employed as an insurance analyst. (1A-140)
- 32. The mother has been married four times. Her first marriage ended upon the death of her spouse, her second marriage ended in divorce, her third marriage ended in divorce or was annulled, and her fourth marriage ended in divorce. (1B-41)
- 33. The mother married James Bissell in 1976. Mr. Bissell died in December 1978.
- 34. Between 1978 and 1983, she married and divorced a man named Wickstrom. She also married a man named Katusky. That marriage lasted a day and either ended in divorce or was annulled.
- 35. In 1983, the mother married Kevin Lemoine.

- As of January 2000, the father had contributed nothing toward the household expenses of the parties. The mother, fearing that she would receive no financial help from the father, contemplated abortion. When she discussed this issue with Mr. Williams, he told her that she had better not have an abortion and that it was not in her best interests. The mother took this statement as a threat against her personal safety. (1A-149, 150)
- 52. On January 19, 2000, the mother asked Mr. Williams to vacate the apartment.
- 53. Among other things, she was upset because she was paying all the household bills and getting no help from Mr. Williams. She was also upset that Mr. Williams would take her car and return it "on empty." Furthermore, she was upset that he was out "all hours of the night" with friends and girlfriends. (1A-152)
- 54. When she asked Mr. Williams to leave, he pushed her and told her that she was only safe with him. (1A-152)
- Mr. Williams returned to the apartment and spent the night there on January 23, 2000. He also spent the nights of January 24, 27, 29 and 30, 2000 at the apartment. (Exhibit 2)
- Mr. Williams spent about 16 nights at the apartment in February, 15 nights in March, 12 nights in April, 10 nights in May, and 4 nights in June. Mr. Williams was also having sexual relations with other women during this period. (Exhibit 2)
- 57. Prior to Lonnel's birth, the mother began to look into adoption because she did not believe that the father would support her and the baby and she feared that she could not raise the baby by herself.
- 58. The mother contacted an adoption agency in California. The agency sent her four or five family profiles.
- 59. The mother contacted a family selected from the profiles and suggested that the family contact an adoption agency in Massachusetts.
- 60. On June 23, 2000, Mr. Williams drove the mother to the hospital and was with the mother when Lonnel was born.
- 61. Kevin Lemoine put Lonnel on his health insurance to ensure payment of the hospital bills.
- 62. The mother and the baby were released from the hospital on June 25, 2000. Mr. Williams spent a few days at the apartment before he left to visit his father who lived out of state and was ill.
- 63. Two weeks after Lonnel was born, the mother returned to her employment. Ms. McEaddy cared for Lonnel for two weeks after the mother's return to employment.

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- 75. In the beginning of August 2000, the prospective adoptive family contacted the Boston Adoption Bureau to inform the agency that they had received another call from the mother informing them that she had given birth and that she wished to place Lonnel for adoption. (1A-63)
- The mother then called the Boston Adoption Bureau and scheduled an appointment. 76.
- 77. Ms. Speiser interviewed the mother in a private office at the mother's place of employment, Sports Podiatry Resources. This interview lasted for approximately one and one-half hours. At this meeting, the mother told Ms. Speiser the name of Lonnel's father. She then told Ms. Speiser that she thought the father was "down south" possibly in South Carolina. The mother told Ms. Speiser that she didn't have an address for Mr. Williams and that his last known address was her own address in Dorchester. The mother also told Ms. Speiser that Mr. Williams had family somewhere in New York. (1A-68)
- 78. At this initial meeting, Ms. Speiser recommended to the mother that she place Lonnel in a foster care setting to allow her some time to separate from the child to confirm her decision concerning adoption. (1A-64)
- 79. Ms. Speiser offered to provide the mother with counseling services either through the agency or privately. The mother declined the offer for counseling. (1A-65)
- 80. On August 26, 2000, the mother appeared at the Boston Adoption Bureau and placed Lonnel in foster care. (Exhibit 3)
- 81. The mother met with the foster mother. She also received the foster mother's telephone number in case she chose to visit with the child. (1A-66)
- A few days later, the mother called the Boston Adoption Bureau to inform the agency that 82. she wanted to take Lonnel out of foster care. She then called back to say that she had changed her mind and that she wanted to proceed with the adoption. (1A-67)
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- Lonnel a caring and loving environment for him to be raised in. She deceived the agency as to Mr. Williams' whereabouts because she believed that Mr. Williams would never support Lonnel. She also believed that Mr. Williams would not be a "father" to Lonnel.
- 98. The issue, however, is not the mother's motives. The father did in fact receive notice of the 210 petition and he did file a timely objection. The questions now are whether or not the father is fit to meet the needs of this child and whether or not the father is able to serve the child's best interests.
- 99. The evidence is clear and convincing that the father is not fit to meet Lonnel's needs and is unable to serve Lonnel's best interests.

FATHER

- 100. Mr. Williams is a thirty-three year old man who at the time of trial resided on the third floor at 33 Wenonah St., Boston, where he has resided at various times since he was a teenager. (3A-34)
- 101. The third floor apartment at 33 Wenonah St. consists of a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath. (3A-65) Mr. Williams testified that if the Lonnel were to live with him he would convert the living room into a second bedroom. (3B-75)
- 102. Mr. Williams attended school up until twelfth grade. He later acquired a GED. (3B-14, 15)

EMPLOYMENT

- 103. Mr. Williams was released from the halfway house on September 21, 1999. He was unemployed until November 1999 when he was hired by Greyhound Bus Lines as a baggage handler. He worked there for about six weeks. (3B-7, 8; 4A-62)
- 104. Mr. Williams was unemployed from January 2000 until April 2000. (3B-8, 20, 21)
- 105. Mr. Williams became a member of Union Hall Local 67 in the carpenters' apprenticeship program. (3B-5; Exhibit 3)
- 106. Mr. Williams received a \$250.00 a week stipend in March 2000 for walking a picket line. (4A-68, 69)
- 107. Mr. Williams was hired by the F. J. Alfred Co. as a carpenter's apprentice the last week of April 2000 where he was steadily employed until the last week of July 2000. (4A-73)
- 108. Mr. Williams claims that with the exception of two weeks off when his father died and one day off when Lonnel was born, he did not miss a day of work at F. J. Alfred. (4A-75, 76)

PARENTHOOD

- Mr. Williams has four children: Tasmin (age 11), Tevin (age 9), Lonnel (age 1), and 122. D'Anell (age 1).
- Tasmin was born on August 3, 1990. (3A-59) Tasmin's mother is Shamicka Skeen. Ms. 123. Skeen filed a complaint for child support against Mr. Williams prior to his imprisonment.
- Mr. Williams testified that Tasmin wanted for nothing before he went to prison. (4A-30) 124. However, at the time, Tasmin was receiving WIC benefits which supplied her with formula, juice and milk. (4A-195)
- Mr. Williams testified that when Tasmin was born, her mother "like most women" 125. received welfare benefits. Tasmin's mother did receive welfare from the time of Tasmin's birth until at least 1993. (4A-197, 198)
- 126. Mr. Williams testified that he didn't like to deal with people who are lazy and that he told Tasmin's mother to obtain full time employment and forego any public assistance. (4A-198, 199)
- Mr. Williams could not state the amount of support or frequency of payments made to 127. Tasmin's mother prior to his incarceration in 1993. (4A-31, 200, 201)
- 128. Mr. Williams claims that he sees Tasmin about once a month. Tasmin does not have any overnight visits with Mr. Williams.
- Mr. Williams does not see Tasmin on a regular and consistent basis. Furthermore, he 129. does not pay child support for Tasmin.
 - Tevin was born on December 20, 1992. Tevin's mother is Tammy Olgesby. Mr. 130. Williams claims that he sees Tevin about twice a month. (3B-16, 58, 62; 4A-55) Tevin does not have any overnight visits with Mr. Williams. (2A-100,190)
 - Mr. Williams does not see Tevin on a regular and consistent basis. Furthermore, he does 131. not pay child support for Tevin.
 - 132. Lonnel was born on June 23, 2000.
 - While earning \$520.00 a week at F.J. Alfred, Mr. Williams gave no support to Ms. 133. Lemoine for Lonnel. (4A-90, 91)
 - Ms. Lemoine received so little support, financial or otherwise, from Mr. Williams during 134. the period after Lonnel was born that Ms. Lemoine applied to Catholic Charities through her employer and received some clothes for the baby, some diapers and a stroller. (1A-172)

be placed with her as opposed to her son because she felt that her son needed to go to parenting classes and have a better understanding of child raising. (5A-99)

ANALYSIS

- Mr. Williams has no history of paying support for his four children. Tasmin's mother reports that he has "helped out" sporadically. There is no documentation to support this claim. Nevertheless, he has never consistently paid support to any of the mothers of his children. Furthermore, he has never consistently visited any of his children. (Exhibit 3)
- 149. Mr. Williams' abandonment of his fourth child who is only four months younger than Lonnel provides a more accurate picture of Mr. Williams as a parent than the one he attempted to portray at trial. His motive for aggressively seeking to assert parenthood and custody of one son while abandoning the other to a person he claimed to be a crack cocaine addict is more likely than not connected to a belief that there may be a civil action against the Boston Adoption Bureau.
- 150. Mr. Williams tried to keep D'Anell's existence quiet. He told the Guardian Ad Litern that he had three children including Lonnel. He left out D'Anell. (Exhibit 3)

SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

- 151. While living with Ms. Lemoine, Mr. Williams had sexual relationships with other women. (Exhibit 2)
- 152. Mr. Williams had a sexual relationship with Desiree Sapp while he was living with Ms. Lemoine.
- 153. Mr. Williams used Ms. Lemoine's car on several occasions to drive down to Bourne to see Ms. Sapp. (4A-88)
- 154. Prior to Lonnel's birth, Mr. Williams had a sexual relationship with a woman named Jocelyn Choate. (4A-109)
- 155. Mr. Williams testified that he has had sexual relations with between ten to twenty women since his release from prison. (4A-163)

DOMESTIC SKILLS

- 156. Mr. Williams did not know how to prepare Lonnel's formula (1B-95) nor did he ever express any interest in learning how to do so. (1B-96)
- 157. Mr. Williams relies on friends and relatives to shop and prepare meals for him. He is unable to specify his financial contribution to the cost of this food. (4A-141, 142, 143, 144)

- Ms. Lopes suffered a nasal fracture as a result of the hit she took from Mr. Williams. 169. (Exhibit 42)
- On October 2, 2000, Mr. Williams was charged with assault and battery against Ms. 170. Lemoine. That case was pending at the time of trial. (4A-10)
- During his relationship with Ms. Lemoine, Mr. Williams grabbed her by the hair (1B-171. 102), pushed her several times including when she was pregnant (1B-101-102), threw a brick through the windshield of her car and threatened her with physical harm. (1B-104)
- 172. Mr. Williams also abandoned the mother on the side of the road in 92 degree heat while she was pregnant by leaving with her automobile after an argument. (1B-105, 106)
- On November 6, 2000, Mr. Williams pled guilty to seven counts of violation of a 173. Domestic Abuse Prevention Order. He was sentenced to six months in prison. The jail sentence was suspended. As part of his sentence he was also required to complete a forty week certified batterer's program which he was attending at the time of trial but had not yet completed.
- Mr. Williams was also placed on three months house arrest for violation of his federal 174. probation.

GEORGIA MCEADDY

MS. MCEADDY - GRANDMOTHER

- Georgia McEaddy resides at 49 June St., Roslindale, Massachusetts in a subsidized 175. apartment. (4B-18)
- Ms. McEaddy described this residence in High Point Village as multi cultural, middle-176. class and secluded. (4B-44, 45)
- Ms. McEaddy has three children: Lonnie, Loniel, and Dorcas. Dorcas and Dorcas' nine 177. month old child reside with Ms. McEaddy. (4B-19, 20)
- In July 2001, Ms. McEaddy signed a consulting contract with EDCO for the period from 178. June 2001 to January 2002. The contract work involves acting as an educational advocate for children. The amount paid to her depends on the number of children serviced. She will be paid from zero to a maximum of \$2000.00 for the period covered by the contract.
- This is Ms. McEaddy's sole source of income. 179.
- Ms. McEaddy relies upon her daughter to pay the rent, the phone bill and the light bill. 180. (5A-13)

MS. MCEADDY - FOSTER MOTHER

- 194. Ms. McEaddy has been a foster parent for Italian Home for Children, Protestant Social Services, Alianza Hispana, Dare Family Services and the Department of Social Services. (4B-33)
- Ms. McEaddy terminated her services for the Italian Home after one year because "there was a concern with the chid that [she] had and [the child's] ability to manipulate a social worker who took the place of [another] social worker." (4B-34)
- 196. Ms. McEaddy terminated her services for Protestant Social Services after one year because "[t]he child had difficulty accepting the fact that her mother was expecting another child, and so the social worker and [Ms. McEaddy] felt that it was in the best interests of everybody that she be placed some place else." (4B-35)
- 197. Ms. McEaddy terminated her services for Alianza after a year when it appeared that Alianza was ending its child placement program.
- 198. In May 1994, Boston Children's Services through DARE placed a special needs child named Nathaniel (born October 24, 1988) in Ms. McEaddy's home.
- 199. Ms. McEaddy had a combative relationship with DARE. (Exhibits 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)
- 200. After one year with DARE, Ms. McEaddy's services and current foster child were transferred to DSS supervision because "[DARE] felt it was in everybody's best interests to have the child go to the Department of Social Services." (4B-43)
- 201. In September 1995, DSS placed Nathaniel's sister, Nitanju (born January 28, 1992), in Ms. McEaddy's home. (Exhibit 14)
- 202. Ms. McEaddy's relationship with the Department of Social Services was as combative as it was with DARE.
- 203. She did not comply with her obligation to submit signed service plans. She did not fully comply with service plans. (2B-103; Exhibit 14)
- 204. Ms. McEaddy and DSS had ongoing disagreements regarding arrangements for PACT (Parents and Children Together) funds. There are funds which can be paid to foster parents to assist children with identified special needs. (Exhibit 14)
- 205. Ms. McEaddy rejected a plan to help Nathaniel learn to communicate because the plan included the use of sign language. Ms. McEaddy, without consulting any professionals, decided that she would teach Nathaniel to speak. She did not succeed. (2B-113, 114)

- 218. The prospective adoptive mother is not employed and is at home full time. She is a college graduate. (2A-139-140; 2B-58)
- 219. The prospective adoptive parents live in a wooded, suburban neighborhood of single-family residences. (2A-141)
- 220. The home is neat and organized. It is located at the end of a cul-de-sac where there is little traffic. (2B-16)
- 221. Lonnel is healthy, comfortable and thriving in the prospective adoptive home. The prospective adoptive parents are loving, nurturing, and capable parents. Lonnel is attached and bonded to his prospective adoptive family. (Exhibit 3)
- 222. Dr. Steven Shapse is a licensed psychologist with twenty years experience. Dr. Shapse's specialty is child-custody evaluations and psychological testing. (2B-4, 6, 9; Exhibit 7)
- 223. Dr. Shapse spent approximately seven hours with the pre-adoptive parents. (2B-16) Dr. Shapse observed Lonnel as well as Sophia.
- 224. Dr. Shapse observed that Lonnel was easily comforted by both adoptive parents and reached out to them when in need. Lonnel smiled a lot. Lonnel and Sophia also reached out to each other. When Sophia left the room, Lonnel looked for her. (2B-17)
- 225. Dr. Shapse concluded as does this court that Lonnel clearly has a warm and secure attachment to the pre-adoptive family. (2B-19)

LONNEL'S NEEDS

- 226. Lonnel had an adjustment period upon being placed in the pre-adoptive home. He required a lot of consoling and needed to be held frequently. He also had some trouble sleeping. (2A-86)
- 227. When Lonnel first arrived at the pre-adoptive home he was sullen and very serious looking. When the guardian ad litem visited the pre-adoptive home, Lonnel was laughing and had a "sparkle." (2A-87, 88)
- 228. Lonnel needs consistency, continuity, routine and predictability. Mr. Williams cannot provide these things. (2A-38)
- 229. If Lonnel is removed from the pre-adoptive home, his need for predictability, structure, security and routine will increase dramatically. (2A-56)
- 230. Mr. Williams has not held a job consistently, has had no consistency of relationships, and has not consistently visited his other children. (1B-181)

- Dr. Bachop acknowledged that Mr. Williams' relationships with his other three children 239. could provide a prognosticative measure of his parenting of Lonnel. (3A-148)
- Dr. Bachop also acknowledged that an environment of domestic violence is not an 240. appropriate environment in which to rear a child. (3A-152)

CONCLUSIONS

- This is not a case involving parental abandonment. The mother carefully selected a 241. suitable home for Lonnel. She chose the pre-adoptive family from among many choices available to her including placement of Lonnel with his father or paternal grandmother. Mr. Williams, on his part, claimed paternal responsibility as soon as he found out about the adoption proceedings.
- The father had no significant opportunity to receive social services because the mother 242. concealed Mr. Williams' location until after Lonnel was placed for adoption and Mr. Williams refused offers to meet with the Boston Adoption Bureau.
- Lonnel has now been with his pre-adoptive family for more than a year. The Boston 243. Adoption Bureau acted in Lonnel's best interests when they did not disrupt his preadoptive placement when Mr. Williams filed his objection to the adoption. The mother raised serious and, as has been demonstrated, well founded concerns about Lonnel's well being if he were placed in the care of Mr. Williams.
- Mr. Williams is a violent man who physically abused Lonnel's mother. He broke the 244. nose of a neighbor of his youngest child. He has a serious criminal record. His most recent conviction was for violation of an abuse prevention order.
- Mr. Williams has not had any contact with Lonnel since September 2000. The 245. circumstances of this case prevented the establishment of a meaningful relationship. However, Mr. Williams has had unrestricted opportunities to establish strong relationships with his other three children and he has failed to take advantage of these opportunities. He has completely ignored his youngest son.1

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[&]quot;[P]rior history does have prognostic value." Adoption of Carla, 416 Mass.510, 517 (1993) The court can properly rely on prior patterns of ongoing, repeated, serious parental neglect, abuse or misconduct in determining current unfitness. Carla, 416 Mass. 510, 517 n. 7 (1993); Adoption of Diane, 400 Mass. 196, 204 (1987) [A]n assessment of prognostic evidence derived from an ongoing pattern of parental neglect or misconduct is appropriate in the determination of future fitness and the likelihood of harm to the child. Custody of a Minor, 377 Mass 876, 882 (1979) In determining parental fitness to care for a child, "neither agencies responsible for the welfare of children nor judges sitting on cases involving custodial questions need wait for inevitable disaster to happen," but, instead, "may consider parents' past conduct to predict future ability and performance." Adoption of Katherine, 42 Mass. App. Ct. 25 (1997) However, for the purpose of dispensing with consent to adoption, the unfitness element must have a predictive dimension in that it must be so probative and persuasive that it can serve as a predicate for a judge's finding that the parent's shortcoming will continue undiminished in the future with an attendant harmful effect on the child.

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Steven N. Shapse Ph.D.

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Marilyn Speiser - Director of Boston Adoption Bureau

Janice Smith

Michael Bachop Ph.D.

Loniel Williams - biological father

Georgia McEaddy - paternal grandmother

EXHIBITS

258.	The following	exhibits	were introduced	at trial:
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Exhibit 1.	Manilla envelope addressed to Mr. Williams at 33 Wenonah St.,
	Dorchester, MA 02121 postmarked September 9, 2000

- Exhibit 2. Marked pages from a desk calendar kept by Ms. Lemoine dated January of 2000 to December of 2000
- Exhibit 3. Report of the Guardian ad Litem dated June 18, 2001
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Exhibit 31.	Letter to Paul Cataldo from Georgia McEaddy dated November 22, 1994
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Exhibit 33.	Letter to Georgia McEaddy dated November 16, 1995 from Susan Griffen Supervisor - Morton Street DSS
Exhibit 34.	Letter to "To whom this may concern" dated February 13, 1996, from Mauan Bynoe LICSW
Exhibit 35.	Letter to Anna Lee Brown - DSS Social Worker - dated October 31, 1997 from Bernice Updyke - Program Director - EDCO
Exhibit 36.	Letter to Georgia McEaddy dated December 30, 1995 from Arnold Miller Ph.D.
Exhibit 37.	Letter to "To Whom It May Concern" dated July 14, 2000 from Mary Lou Buyse M.D.
Exhibit 38.	DARE Bi-Monthly Mentor Quality Assurance Review regarding Georgia McEaddy dated March 5,1995
Exhibit 39.	DARE Bi-Monthly Mentor Quality Assurance Review regarding Georgia McEaddy dated June 1995
Exhibit 40.	DARE Bi-Monthly Mentor Quality Assurance Review regarding Georgia McEaddy dated April 1995
Exhibit 41.	Letter to Georgia McEaddy dated August 29, 1997 from Anna Lee Brown DSS Social Worker, Deborah Wingard - Adoption Supervisor, and Paul Creelan - Area Program Manager
Exhibit 42.	Falmouth Hospital Records

March 11, 2002

John M. Smoot Associate Justice